




Speech By
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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (9.51 am): As today's *Townsville Bulletin* reports, the Palaszczuk Labor government is putting Townsville in the front seat for thousands of jobs in our state's emerging hydrogen industry. Hydrogen holds the promise to help transform our global economy. The great advantage of hydrogen is that it allows for renewable energy to be stored or transported to other locations where hydrogen can then be converted into electricity with zero emissions. There are cities and countries in the world that, because of their climate or geography, cannot produce enough electricity from renewable resources and they will pay top dollar for renewable hydrogen if we can build the systems to export it to them, but most importantly for Townsville it means jobs. Townsville has all of the key ingredients to generate new hydrogen jobs. Townsville has one of the best ports in Australia—safe and secure in public ownership. Townsville, the city in the sun, has enormous renewable energy potential—over 300 days of sunshine each year—and, thanks to our government's investments, Townsville has a secure water supply.

The sky is not the limit for Townsville. That is why I am so pleased the Premier has asked me to convene a hydrogen forum in Townsville so we can help show our global partners and local industry the great potential of this region for new hydrogen jobs.

Ms Palaszczuk: They don't want new industries.

Mr DICK: I take the interjection from the Premier. We are seeing very significant interest from Queensland's major trading partners like Japan and South Korea for renewable hydrogen. I recently hosted a delegation from Korea which told me that it is predicting that hydrogen will account for 18 per cent of the world's energy needs by 2050, generating US\$2.5 trillion in value-add and over 30 million new jobs, and the Palaszczuk Labor government will work hard to make sure Townsville gets its fair share. I look forward to bringing industry and experts together in Townsville in the very near future to discuss the opportunities the production of renewable hydrogen presents to support the creation of more jobs for this great northern part of our state.