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Hydrogen Industry

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (9.48 am): Better infrastructure and more jobs in more industries: that is what the Palaszczuk government is focused on, we will work with anyone to achieve those goals and the past 10 days just proved it. In infrastructure we fought hard to get our fair share and won a \$1.9 billion deal from the Morrison LNP government, which is better than any other state. On industrial development, we have also been working closely with the federal government on the National Hydrogen Strategy that, last week, was endorsed by COAG energy ministers.

This is a 21st century industry, potentially worth billions of dollars to Queensland, and our government is putting Queensland in the box seat. We were the first to recognise the great potential that hydrogen presents for Queensland, releasing our hydrogen strategy earlier this year and putting nearly \$20 million towards it. We will make sure we deliver hydrogen's benefits to regional Queensland.

We have the natural advantages of abundant renewable energy, a highly skilled workforce and the experience of developing the LNG industry, which was delivered by Labor. This means regional Queensland is perfectly positioned to benefit from the growth of a hydrogen industry in this state.

It is also why, on 20 November, the Queensland government convened the state's first regional Hydrogen Industry Forum in Townsville. The members for Townsville, Thuringowa and Mundingburra were there along with 150 leaders of business and industry. I was pleased to announce at the forum the establishment of the Townsville Hydrogen Industry Working Group, which will report to the Townsville Industrial Development Board and will focus on attracting industrial development to Townsville's Southern Industrial Corridor. We plan to be at the forefront of Australia's renewable hydrogen production for domestic and export markets. Townsville and Gladstone have the opportunity to benefit from this new-century industrial development. I look forward to working closely with all stakeholders, including the federal government, to drive the investment, jobs and economic growth that hydrogen can deliver to regional Queensland.