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 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (2.22 pm): Sadly, we have seen the likes of that before and we will see it again: five minutes of utter irrelevance to the people of Queensland. That speech delivered nothing for the people of Queensland, just like those opposite would deliver nothing for the people of Queensland. I, on the other hand, want to talk about our plans for backing Queensland jobs. I do not want to just talk about the fact that we are creating jobs—216,000 at last count; I want to talk about how we are doing that.

Of course, from 2012 onwards we had an excellent lesson in how not to create jobs: you start by sacking 14,000 public servants, you destroy confidence in the local business communities and you pick silly fights all over the place. What do you end up with? You end up with people without jobs. In fact, there were so many people I knew in my life who had no jobs that it was very scary. It has taken many of those people years and years and years to get back on their feet.

Those opposite do not know how to create jobs. To be fair, I should say that there is one job they want to create. It came out of the recent LNP state conference. They have jobs lined up for something called the Office of Science Quality Assurance. I believe the uniform for the Office of Science Quality Assurance is going to be a tin hat. Everyone is going to get a tinfoil hat, and they are all going to gather around a flat table of the earth and make decisions about which peer reviewed science they are not going to accept. You do not need an Office of Science Quality Assurance, member for Nanango. We have a system which has been developed over hundreds of years. It is called peer reviewed science. Instead of picking and choosing what is comfortable for you and what fits your political views, perhaps rather than coming out with these ridiculous ideas of endorsing them you should be throwing them out.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Stewart): Pause the clock. Member for Greenslopes, I encourage you to direct your comments through the chair and not directly at the member.

**Mr KELLY:** I would like to move on and talk about Queensland jobs and how we are creating them. Firstly, investing in infrastructure is incredibly important. Projects like the veloway, which I recently visited with the member for Miller, the minister, are not only creating great cycling infrastructure in our area and getting people to and from work and home faster and safer but also creating jobs along the way.

The schools in my electorate are benefiting from significant investments in infrastructure. When you do that you create jobs. Not only do you create important social infrastructure but you create jobs along the way. Of course, those opposite would not know about that because they did not build anything except perhaps one big building across the road and a hall that was supposed to be built at Cavendish Road but was moved over to Ashgrove—I wonder why that was—but beyond that we saw nothing.

Small business has also been a focus of this government, and linking tax incentives to businesses that employ people has really been showing results. When I go out and talk to small businesses in my electorate about these initiatives they are extremely excited and supportive. Diversifying the economy

is also very important. This morning in her ministerial statement the Premier announced an exciting outcome, with Tassal creating 1,000 new jobs in the Mackay region. In our own region advances in film and television have seen significant employment opportunities created.

If you are going to create jobs, you also have to focus on skills and training. With the member for Mansfield we fought to save the TAFE campus at Mount Gravatt, but we have seen further investments in TAFE. With regard to the announcements concerning free TAFE and free apprenticeships, whenever I go to a P&C or a P&F, particularly at high schools, parents are extremely pleased about this because one of the biggest concerns for people in my electorate is making sure that not only do their kids get a good education but they get a good start through a good job. We as a government are totally focused on that.

I have already mentioned Tassal. When I stand at bus stops talking to commuters, when I knock on doors or do mobile offices, one of the most common things I find is that we have so many people who live in my electorate that have a job in Brisbane because there is a job somewhere else in the state. As a government we are focused on creating jobs right around the entire state. While something like Tassal will create 1,000 jobs in Mackay, there is always the potential for flow-on benefits into the Brisbane region. Certainly there are hundreds, if not thousands, of people in my electorate who are in jobs because of our statewide focus. Infrastructure, small business, diversifying the economy, skills and training and creating jobs right around the state: this is how you create jobs.

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