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 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (2.30 pm): The Palaszczuk government is continuing to deliver on economic and jobs growth across Queensland. More than 192,000 jobs have been created since our government was elected in 2015 and we are continuing to work hard to make sure that we support jobs growth and the economy in how we diversify in industries like the film industry. I have to congratulate the Premier on securing Baz Luhrmann's next blockbuster about Elvis. I am sure that Elvis would agree that you really cannot help falling in love with Queensland and its film industry.

The Redlands have been an absolute beneficiary of our Palaszczuk government's investment in film and have seen a number of blockbusters utilise our spectacular coastal environment with the investment by the Palaszczuk government. Our region is in the top five locations for filming and this week we have seen Paramount's latest film project, *Monster Problems*, filming in the Redlands, with more than 150 cast and crew injecting into our economy. Our shores have been host to international blockbusters such as Netflix's *Tidelands* series, *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Lies*, *Aquaman*, *The Chronicles of Narnia* and Angelina Jolie's *Unbroken*. The efforts that our government is putting into the film industry are really yielding dividends for my community in the Redlands in creating jobs and growing our economy.

In the renewables and agriculture space, I have spoken about the Redlands research centre before. The work that is going on there with Larry and his team is really exciting. QUT's Professor Ian Mackinnon is working with global companies like Sumitomo to grow opportunities in renewables from the translation of research from the university and that step change into large-scale delivery of renewables. We saw the first export of hydrogen leave from the Redlands research centre a few weeks back, so I know that there are some exciting times ahead in how our community can benefit from our investment in renewables and a green future.

UQ in the agtech space is also really interesting. There is Harvey the harvester robot. The students are looking at how technology can work to deliver better results for agriculture. In that space we are looking at how the universities work with our TAFEs and our high schools and what that step change looks like for students as they study in high school in terms of the skills and academics they need to ensure that we are positioning for jobs of the future and for economic diversity in the Redlands.

I want to give a quick shout-out that the Quandamooka Festival is about to kick off. There are lots of exciting things happening in our region on the Quandamooka coast. There are some fantastic projects that are going to yield dividends for the tourism industry in the Redlands. The whale interpretive centre will be a fantastic opportunity to showcase our beautiful coastal environment and the cultural heritage centre will be a first in Queensland. These are exciting times for our economy with the Palaszczuk government's investment in our area.