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NASA—A Human Adventure

 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algester—ALP) (Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts) (10.06 am): Queensland Museum's exhibition *NASA—A Human Adventure* has blasted off! This is the most comprehensive and extensive space flight exhibition in the world, and its Brisbane run coincides with the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. The exhibition shoots for the stars and tells the story of space travel, from the early pioneers to the engineering marvels that have changed the world.

Visitors to the exhibition can view more than 250 objects from the United States and former Soviet Union. Thirty-eight objects have flown in space and four have landed on the moon. Experiences like *NASA—A Human Adventure* inspire awe, unlock our imagination and challenge our understanding of the limits of human accomplishment.

This is the largest exhibition ever hosted by the Queensland Museum, and it has been made possible with support from Tourism and Events Queensland. I am over the moon that it is already breaking records. On Saturday, during World Science Festival there were more than 3,300 visitors to the exhibition. This well and truly beat the previous record by more than 1,000 visitors.

NASA—A Human Adventure is also the first exhibition to be presented in Queensland Museum's newly refurbished 1,000 square metre exhibition area, following a significant investment from the Palaszczuk government. We invested \$3.2 million to ensure the museum has more space for exhibitions and to redevelop the Museum's Discovery Centre, which opened to the public on 9 March.

We make no 'Apollo-gies' for investing in the arts and science. The Palaszczuk government's investment in major events such as the NASA exhibit and improved gallery and exhibition spaces demonstrates our commitment to helping Queenslanders learn more about the world around us. The exhibit will be open at Queensland Museum until October, and if members wish to go, I encourage them to 'plan-et'.