




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Logan, Jobs

 **Hon. SM FENTIMAN** (Waterford—ALP) (Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development) (7.22 pm): As the member for Waterford, I am proud to serve in a government committed to delivering jobs. Since the Palaszczuk government was elected we have created over 30,000 jobs in the region. It is a reason to celebrate. We reinstated the very successful Skilling Queenslanders for Work program. It has assisted 2,500 participants in Logan to get a job.

Earlier this month I was privileged to attend a local Skilling Queenslanders for Work graduation in Kingston for the latest group of young people who completed yourtown's Get Set for Work program. Part of the program helped young people gain their learner's licence and complete their logbook, as getting access to a driver's licence can be a key barrier for young people trying to find work. Graduate Fono Tafa arrived in Australia from Samoa only few months ago. Thanks to the support of Skilling Queenslanders for Work she was able to receive assistance to learn English and complete her studies. She is now undertaking a traineeship in hospitality—something that would not have been possible if it were not for Skilling Queenslanders for Work and this government's commitment to skilling up young people so they can find a job.

In Logan we have also created 500 jobs through our Back to Work program. I have had the pleasure of meeting employees in Logan like automotive spray-painting apprentice Bailey Harris, who not only has a job through Back to Work but we are also assisting his employer by covering the cost of Bailey's training with our free apprenticeships initiative. Bayer Smash Repairs was thrilled to hear about our free apprenticeship program.

On Friday I had the pleasure of touring GO1 with co-founder Vu Tran. They recently opened their new headquarters in Underwood in Logan. They now employ 80 people. They are doing incredible, innovative work, providing online training courses to people across the world. They partner with the department for the prevention of domestic and family violence to provide online training to every public servant in Queensland about how to recognise, respond and refer to domestic violence in the workplace.

Our investment in Logan's infrastructure is also creating local jobs. Through our infrastructure spending, including upgrades to the Logan Hospital—and I cannot wait for the new maternity ward, which is very much needed by our growing community—and the M1—everyone who wants to get to the city for work is very pleased that we are upgrading the M1—we are creating over 1,500 jobs. The Palaszczuk government is absolutely committed to delivering jobs right across Queensland. I am particularly proud as the member for Waterford of our job-creating record in Logan. We are backing jobs for Queensland, and I am very proud to be backing jobs in Logan.