



Speech By  
**Hon. Cameron Dick**


**MEMBER FOR WOODRIDGE**

---

Record of Proceedings, 14 October 2021

**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Beenleigh Steel Fabrications**

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment) (10.12 am): The Palaszczuk Labor government is committed to encouraging investment in new and traditional industries right across Queensland. We want to see more investment in new industries for our state, like defence, biofuels, biomedical devices and, of course, renewables.

We also want to see investment in traditional industries. That is why I was so pleased to have the opportunity to turn the sod on a new \$4.2 million facility for Beenleigh Steel Fabrications in Berrinba in the City of Logan. Through our \$175 million Jobs and Regional Growth Fund, we are supporting this major renewal for a Logan company that started operations 40 years ago in 1980.

Beenleigh Steel specialises in architectural steel. On top of its existing 100-strong workforce, this new facility will supercharge its fabrication capability, creating nearly 60 new jobs in the next five years. This includes apprentices and trainees each year in trades like boilermaking, rigging, dogging and machine operation.

Every week we can see Beenleigh Steel beams being off-loaded on George Street to become part of the \$5.6 billion Queen's Wharf Brisbane development. Then there is Beenleigh Steel in Cross River Rail, in the expanding Cairns Convention Centre and in the Sun Metals Zinc Refinery in Townsville. This is on top of the Beenleigh Steel in Suncorp Stadium, the Gabba, Queensland Country Bank Stadium in Townsville, the Home of the Arts on the Gold Coast, Rheinmetall's Military Vehicle Centre of Excellence at Redbank, the Legacy Way tunnel and the 400-tonne steel frame that is Qantas Founders Museum's Airpark Roof in Longreach.

When BESIX Watpac needed a supplier for the complex diagrid structure on its Jubilee Place project in Fortitude Valley, they chose Beenleigh Steel.

Much of the face of modern Queensland contains a piece of Beenleigh Steel. On the back of projects like these, Beenleigh Steel expects its growth to double into the foreseeable future and this new facility will allow them to capitalise on every well-earned opportunity, including the opportunity of the 2032 Olympics.

As a long-term employer of skilled, secure manufacturing jobs, Beenleigh Steel Fabrications is exactly the kind of business that the Palaszczuk government wants to flourish in Queensland.