



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR GLADSTONE**

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 **Hon. GJ BUTCHER** (Gladstone—ALP) (Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water) (10.13 am): It is a great day to be the Minister for Manufacturing in Queensland.

**Ms Palaszczuk:** Any day is a great day!

**Mr BUTCHER:** Of course, that is true for any day—I acknowledge that, Premier—because I am proud that the Palaszczuk government is delivering Queensland’s plan for economic recovery by committing the funding to make Queensland Australia’s premier manufacturing state.

This is an especially good day to be the minister because I can update the House that we have had an unprecedented level of interest in the fourth round of the \$61.5 million Made in Queensland program. We have had over 170 applications from manufacturers right across Queensland. These are local businesses who have looked at our \$15.5 million of support to become more internationally competitive by adopting innovative processes and technologies and have said, ‘This is for me.’ For that I commend them.

Through the first three rounds of Made in Queensland we are supporting 84 advanced manufacturing projects, generating over 1,100 new jobs here in Queensland, and underpinning \$100 million in private sector investment. I remind the House that, when I announced this program, I said we were offering something special for regional manufacturers—up to 75 per cent of their costs covered for projects up to \$500,000.

As Minister for Regional Development as well, I am very pleased to say that our regional manufacturers have stepped up, and nearly 50 of those 170 applications are from regional Queensland. In the coming months, my department will be reviewing these applications, and I am really looking forward to seeing some of the innovative ideas and job-creating opportunities that will be progressing under this plan.

Today I want to thank those 170 manufacturers who have put their hand up to be part of Queensland’s manufacturing revolution. This is a Palaszczuk government program with a proven success rate—one that is helping Queensland businesses to become more productive, to grow, to innovate and to create the knowledge based jobs of the future. These are the secure long-term jobs that this government is delivering to help our economy recovery. They are the jobs of the future, and they are being created thanks to this government’s support for the manufacturing industry in Queensland. I look forward to updating the House on the ongoing success of the Palaszczuk government’s economic recovery plan through Made in Queensland.