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**MEMBER FOR BUNDAMBA**

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**PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT**

**Bundamba Electorate, Jobs**

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (3.00 pm): Our safe and strong recovery continues with more jobs in more industries—the industries of now and of the future. Last week I was very happy to welcome the Treasurer to Bundamba where we took the opportunity to inspect the construction progress of the brand new \$11 million Neogen Australasia facility, which will be Australia's most advanced animal genomics facility. Neogen, a world leading food safety giant, is building a state-of-the-art genomic centre that will help local primary producers grow and breed the best produce and livestock. It is consolidating its Australian operations, bringing operations from Gatton and Victoria, into our local Bundamba community and that will deliver jobs in the industries of right now: a workforce of about 48, which is projected to grow to 75 over coming years—75 highly skilled, highly paid jobs right in our local community. That is happening with the support of our Advance Queensland Attraction Fund.

Neogen is the latest company to prove what we locals already know to be true: that our local community is a great place to live, work and invest. We are creating local jobs in the industries of the future, like renewable hydrogen. Australia's first hydrogen fuel cell manufacturing facility will be established in Ipswich. LAVO hydrogen technology will build the \$15 million facility in Springfield backed by our Invested in Queensland program. This is in addition to our \$1.5 million commitment for Swanbank E power station in Bundamba to investigate blending renewable hydrogen, building a solar farm, a renewable hydrogen production facility and even hydrogen refuelling facilities there. It has been another great announcement during what has been a huge year for clean, renewable Queensland hydrogen and it is with our local community right at the cutting edge.

I want to place on record my thanks to everybody who has come out to get vaccinated in our local community and right across Queensland. How wonderful it is that we will have a festive season surrounded by family and friends thanks to the great work of everybody who has come out and been vaccinated. We are continuing to look out for one another by getting vaccinated. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody in Bundamba a very safe and happy merry Christmas—indeed, everybody in this House. In the immortal words of Ferris Bueller, 'Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.' Happy holidays, everybody.