




Speech By
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 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services) (10.01 am): I start by commending the work of emergency services personnel for their swift response to yesterday's fire at the Callide power station. A number of crews attended including Fire and Rescue Service firefighters, Rural Fire Service volunteers, State Emergency Service volunteers and police officers. It is heartening to hear that there were no reported injuries and that the fire was contained. I commend all of our frontline officers and first responders for keeping our community safe. They are true community champions, they are skilled and they are dedicated to the communities they serve.

This government is investing in the jobs that support Queensland's economic plan for recovery and we are investing in the jobs that also support community safety. In the biggest boost to community safety in almost 30 years we are delivering an extra 2,025 police personnel, we are delivering an extra 357 firefighters and we are delivering hundreds more custodial officers. I can announce for the first time that the Queensland Police Service is today launching a recruitment campaign for more Policelink call takers. This government made a commitment to deliver 50 additional call takers to boost the capability of the Queensland Police Service, and today they formally invite Queenslanders to seize this opportunity to serve their community. It is part of Queensland's plan for more jobs, economic recovery and enhanced community safety.

Right across community safety, police, corrections and fire and emergency services personnel we are investing in thousands of new jobs, we are investing in Queenslanders and we are investing in community safety.