




Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR MURRUMBA**

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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

### Queensland Jobs Fund

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning) (9.47 am): I would like to express my sadness at the loss of the member for Stretton. Duncan was a great mate and I know he will be greatly missed.

Last week the Premier, the Treasurer and I launched a new multibillion dollar flagship program to turbocharge job creation in Queensland. We now have a \$3.34 billion fund, leveraging opportunities to boost the state's industrial footprint, create jobs and strengthen our economy.

The Queensland Jobs Fund will support job-creating industries like renewable energy, hydrogen, manufacturing and catalytic infrastructure, and a new \$350 million industry partnership program will provide tailored assistance packages to strengthen local supply chains and grow the footprint of Queensland industries while creating at least 2,800 new jobs across the state. We already have a strong track record working with businesses to create jobs. This is going to make it even easier for them.

The Queensland Jobs Funds will be a one-stop shop for businesses looking for government support. State development will act like a concierge to help proponents navigate the different opportunities in the Jobs Fund, whether that is funding, help acquiring land or assistance with planning approvals. This new game-changing fund will make sure we leverage the opportunities that we have created in Queensland off the back of our world-class pandemic response and recovery to create jobs. It will boost jobs in priority industries such as advanced manufacturing, hydrogen, biofutures, biomedical, defence, aerospace, space, resource recovery and mining equipment technology and services. The Building Acceleration Fund will continue to drive co-investment in catalytic infrastructure projects around the state, creating more than 120 construction jobs.

I was pleased to join the Premier and Minister de Brenni in Townsville last Thursday at the energy jobs forum, where the Premier announced a \$1.5 billion boost that took the Queensland Jobs Fund total to \$3.34 billion. The Queensland Jobs Fund is providing a coordinated approach to doing business with business to create jobs. We are providing more dollars and financial incentives to create jobs. It will give Queensland businesses planning certainty, access to land and fiscal incentives such as payroll concessions, tax reimbursements and relief from fees and charges to create jobs. Queensland is leading the nation's COVID-19 economic recovery and jobs growth. We now have a fund to capitalise on the businesses moving here, growing here and employing more Queenslanders here.