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 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning) (9.43 am): Yesterday the Treasurer delivered a fantastic budget. The Palaszczuk government is committed to creating jobs for Queenslanders and continuing to deliver Queensland's plan for economic recovery from COVID-19. We are turbocharging local jobs with the \$3.34 billion jobs fund. We are giving industry the support and confidence they need to establish and grow their businesses right here in Queensland. We will work with companies to support projects that have the potential to deliver ongoing economic benefits. The \$2 billion Renewable Energy Fund is dedicated to creating renewable energy and hydrogen jobs. These are the jobs of the future—a healthier future for our children and our planet with cheaper, cleaner energy.

The new \$350 million Industry Partnership Program will deliver cross-sectoral opportunities that unlock growth in multiple industries or supply chains and have a broad impact on the economy. Some \$20 million will go towards the development of the new Translational Manufacturing Institute at the existing Translational Research Institute in Woolloongabba, allowing Queensland to manufacture its own vaccines and create 500 jobs.

Through our signature \$1 billion Works for Queensland program, the 65 councils outside the south-east corner are benefiting enormously through building and maintaining community infrastructure and the creation of local employment opportunities. Similarly, the hugely successfully Building our Regions program is helping councils deliver infrastructure projects that create flow-on economic development opportunities and jobs. Over \$348 million has already been approved for 271 projects across 67 councils. This investment has leveraged more than \$539 billion in additional funding from other sources, with a total capital expenditure of over \$887 million. Crucially, this is also supporting 2,770 jobs during construction. That is a fantastic outcome for regional business, regional tradies and, most importantly, regional Queensland families.

This government is working in partnership with local governments, delivering programs such as the \$120 million Indigenous Councils Critical Infrastructure Program, the \$200 million COVID Works for Queensland program and the \$200 million South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program. We have committed more than \$2 billion in capital funding to our local councils. The Palaszczuk government is delivering improved livability, stronger local economies and more jobs in every community right across Queensland.