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 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure) (9.44 am): Today is a truly historic day for Queensland. Today the mighty Dolphins take their rightful place in the National Rugby League premiership. Thanks to our health response, Queensland hosted so many NRL games this year, including all three origins and the finals series. It is fitting that we have now secured a new team for Queensland. This news will mean more Queensland games every round. It will mean more Rugby League games every year. It will be very much welcomed throughout the Moreton Bay region. I congratulate club CEO, Tony Murphy, for his vision; bid chief, Terry Reader, for his leadership; Moreton Bay Regional Council mayor, Peter Flannery, for his support; and the NRL for making the right decision and for backing Queensland and the mighty Dolphins.

It is a good day because the Palaszczuk government has announced another pact with one of the world's largest resource companies to work with them to power their operations on renewables. We have signed a statement of cooperation with Rio Tinto that will use their experience to help deliver future green industry for Queensland as part of their global business commitment to net zero carbon emissions by 2050. Together with Rio Tinto and with the support of future partners, we will ensure that right here renewable energy is used to power the industries and the materials that the world will need over the years ahead. We are ensuring that we have the infrastructure and funding in place right now to complement traditional energy and transition seamlessly to benefit Queensland families.

With commitments like the \$2 billion Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund, we are rolling out projects that mean more jobs for Queenslanders in more industries. We are developing exportable know-how as the world shifts to renewable energy. We are setting ourselves up to be the leading manufacturer of the equipment the world needs to use renewable energy such as electrolyzers, batteries and other advanced manufacturing exports. We are exploring ways in which we can build on infrastructure already in place, to enable new battery manufacturing precincts to be built and for existing manufacturers to benefit from access to renewable energy sources. We are approving more wind farms such as the \$1.96 billion MacIntyre Wind Farm precinct near Warwick which will generate enough renewable electricity to supply around 700,000 Queensland homes.

When global investors look to Queensland, they will see a state whose people are making the most of the renewable energy opportunity to deliver more jobs, new products and cheaper energy. This government is working to seize the opportunities we have in front of us, to create sustainable jobs, a stronger economy and ensure a brighter, cleaner future.