




Speech By
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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) (9.47 am): It has been an exciting few weeks for high-skilled jobs and renewables in Queensland, but now all eyes are on the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow which kicks off on Sunday. As the world's leaders meet for what is arguably the most important climate summit in years, everyone is looking for the best place to invest in renewable energy and energy intensive industries—and that place is Queensland. Our renewable energy prospectus that we prepared for the Glasgow conference highlights to the world why Queensland is the place for businesses looking to draw on cheaper, cleaner energy to power what they do. I table a copy for the benefit of the House.

Tabled paper: Queensland Government, Trade and Investment Queensland report titled 'Queensland, Australia, Renewable Ready, Right Now: Clean energy opportunity investment prospectus' [1831](#).

Queensland is renewable ready right now. We have an enviable combination of significant resources. We have more than 300 days of sunshine each year, world-class ports, longstanding trade partnerships, highly skilled workers and proximity to Asian markets—and that means we are perfectly primed to play a major role in the world's future need for renewable energy supply chains.

Queensland is investing heavily in renewable energy and has already committed to achieving zero net emissions by 2050. We will not see Queensland's regions left behind in the race to secure the high-skilled jobs that come with decarbonising. We are transitioning our advantages into global interests, we are transitioning that interest into local investment and we are transitioning that investment into real jobs. Global giants have already begun projects across the state that provide more renewable energy into the grid, use that energy to manufacture things here and create local jobs. Our prospectus sets out the key advantages business has by working with Queensland.

Just last sitting we signed a statement of cooperation with one of the world's largest resource companies, Rio Tinto, to work with them to power their operations with renewable energy. With an ambitious agenda for growing more jobs in more industries, we have already earmarked \$2 billion for renewable energy and hydrogen jobs as part of the Queensland government's Jobs Fund. We have a coordinated whole-of-government approach that can assist with the facilitation of land, infrastructure and social capital required for the next renewables projects, and major companies can already see that.

Earlier this month we partnered with leading renewable energy and hydrogen company Fortescue Future Industries to announce one of the world's largest hydrogen equipment manufacturing hubs in Gladstone. When the world is looking for the renewable superpower of the future, they will not have to look any further than Queensland.

Finally, can I add my voice to the words of the Premier in thanking His Excellency and Mrs de Jersey for their wonderful service. It has been an honour to get to know them a little bit in my role as a minister, and I wish them all the best. I also thank Dr Young for her extraordinary service as Chief Health Officer and congratulate her on her new role.