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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) (9.42 am): The Palaszczuk government is determined to ensure that the jobs in the supply chain of the industries of the future are secured here in Queensland. Last month I advised the House that the Palaszczuk government had signed a statement of cooperation for decarbonisation in Central Queensland with resources giant Rio Tinto.

Today I am pleased to announce that two more companies have committed to working with this government to seize the opportunities that clean energy presents. The first is Orica, one of the world's leading mining and infrastructure solutions providers. The second is Alpha HPA, which recently bought land to build a \$300 million high-purity alumina industrial plant in Gladstone. Their high-purity alumina will be used in LED lights, lithium ion batteries for electric vehicles, solar battery storage and consumer electronics. The statement of cooperation ensures that Gladstone and the Central Queensland region will become one of the first regions in the world to truly benefit from the massive growth in the demand for renewable energy.