



Speech By  
**Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk**


**MEMBER FOR INALA**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Energy and Jobs Plan**

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Olympics) (9.47 am): Today we have seen a vote of confidence in Queensland renewable manufacturing jobs less than two weeks after the launch of the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan, an investment in Queensland as the engine room of the clean energy industrial revolution. General Motors, the sixth largest car manufacturer globally, have entered into an agreement to invest in the Townsville Energy Chemicals Hub and buy critical materials needed in electric vehicle batteries—

**Mr Lister:** They invested in car manufacturing in Australia too, didn't they? They took the money and left.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Member for Southern Downs, you are warned under the standing orders.

**Ms PALASZCZUK:** I might repeat that so everyone is clear. General Motors, the sixth largest car manufacturer globally, have entered into an agreement to invest in the Townsville Energy Chemicals Hub and buy critical materials needed in electric vehicle batteries including nickel and cobalt. General Motors have announced that nickel and cobalt from Queensland Pacific Metals will help power a broad portfolio of trucks, SUVs, vans and luxury vehicles. That means battery materials from Queensland will be in Hummer EVs driving around Texas and it means more Queensland manufacturing jobs.

The Townsville Energy and Chemicals Hub at Lansdown will support around 800 jobs during construction and 1,700 operational jobs including 300 highly skilled manufacturing jobs at the facility and 1,400 jobs in support industries. It follows the Coordinator-General providing prescribed project status for the project and the Queensland government's commitment to providing supporting infrastructure for the Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct. Queensland Pacific Metals has already secured agreements to supply Korean companies, including one of the world's largest battery manufacturers, LG Energy Solution. Queensland's regions now stand at the centre of a new wave of investment for the clean energy industrial revolution. That means more good jobs and building a better future.