



Speech By  
**Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk**


**MEMBER FOR INALA**

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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

### Visy

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Olympics) (9.40 am): Finally, as Premier I have the privilege to attend a lot of sod turns, breaking ground on major infrastructure projects that benefit Queensland and Queenslanders and right across our state. Let me say, there is a lot happening. On Friday at Stapylton, along with the Treasurer, the Gold Coast mayor and Visy's Anthony Pratt, we turned the sod for early works to start on the company's new \$500 million glass and manufacturing facility. We did not just break ground; it was groundbreaking. It was groundbreaking for Queensland jobs, Queensland manufacturing, the environment and the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. It is also part of Visy's largest ever investment in Queensland, worth \$700 million.

The new glass and manufacturing facility will support over 600 construction jobs and around 200 jobs once operational. When complete, it will manufacture one billion glass containers annually. It will support the growth of Queensland based beverage companies such as Queensland exporter of the year, Bundaberg Brew Drinks, as well as Asahi, CUB, Lion and Coca Cola. The new facility will not only make Queensland glass packaging self-sufficient, which currently it is not, but also sets us up—

**Mr Janetzki** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** The member for Toowoomba South will cease his interjections.

**Ms PALASZCZUK:**—to be a net exporter. The new facility will recycle glass from our kerbside bins and from the Containers for Change deposit sites. I do not know what they have against recycling. It is good for the environment and for jobs.

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Order!

**Ms PALASZCZUK:** More recycling happens over there. They recycle leaders. We have had about four or five.

**An opposition member** interjected.

**Ms PALASZCZUK:** We will come to your policies a bit later.

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Order, members to my right.

**Ms PALASZCZUK:** I will leave that one for the Treasurer. He loves that one the most.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Premier, you have the call.

**Ms PALASZCZUK:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. I was being provoked. The Visy facility will divert up to 40,000 tonnes of glass from landfill, which is the equivalent of 200 million extra recycled beer bottles. It will also increase the amount of glass Queensland can recycle from 140,000 tonnes to up to 200,000 tonnes a year.

This all part of a broader deal I announced in April. It meant relocating and upgrading Visy's current South Brisbane glass factory to a new factory at Stapylton, which not only secured manufacturing jobs for the glass factory but also at two other sites, including a new cardboard box factory at Hemmant and an upgrade to its resource facility on Gibson Island. In return, we secured a key site for the 2032 Olympics International Broadcast Centre, where pictures of Brisbane and Queensland will be beamed around the world. It is also part of the ongoing urban renewal of the broader South Brisbane riverside precinct at Kurilpa. The new facility will help Visy and Queenslanders support our clean energy future by increasing recycling and reducing emissions and that is to be applauded. It is also another step in the journey to 2032 and the climate-positive games.