



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR MARYBOROUGH**

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**PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT**

**Maryborough Electorate**

 **Mr SAUNDERS** (Maryborough—ALP) (2.51 pm): 25 August was a very special day for the Maryborough electorate. The Premier, the transport minister, the member for Hervey Bay and the mayor of the Fraser Coast Regional Council were all at Torbanlea, just outside of Maryborough. It was a fantastic day because we turned the first sod for the train factory. I congratulate the minister, who is in the chamber today. This is a purpose-built state owned facility to build trains for Cross River Rail and for the Olympics. This is a great boost for our community. Not only is it a great boost for jobs; it is also a great boost for skills and for our schools. The principal of Maryborough State High School, Simon Done, unfortunately could not make the event because he was attending a conference, but he said—

This will provide crucial links for our students to future local industry ... Our school has a proven track record of working with industry in health, hospitals and education. We are proud to add engineering and other manufacturing industries for opportunities for our students. The creation of a vital link for students to be able to visualise their future career path, while still studying at school, will be a game changer for our students ...

That is what the Palaszczuk government have been doing. We are linking Maryborough State High School with the train factory so that students will be able to go to school and train. They have a career path, which means they will not have to leave the region.

These trains are Queensland trains, made by Queenslanders for Queenslanders. In my electorate we like to call them 'the maroon train', because parts come from right around Queensland. This government is creating jobs right throughout Queensland. There will be around 3,000 jobs created with this project—800 in Torbanlea, Maryborough and the Fraser Coast area and 3,000 around Queensland. This is in addition to the apprentices and the school students involved in the partnership with Maryborough State High School. It is all 'go, go, go' in the Maryborough electorate. That is because the Palaszczuk Labor government has been reviving the city of Maryborough since 2015.

There are also roadworks happening in the Maryborough electorate. The Bruce Highway flood mitigation work is progressing very well in spite of all of the setbacks due to rain. The crew are doing a fantastic job. I thank the minister for the great roadworks happening in the area. The fires are in the new station and the trucks are there. The brand new fire station is made out of a timber grown and produced locally, and a lot of local workers were used in the construction of the fire station. It looks really good. I thank Minister Mark Ryan for that. It is all happening in the Maryborough electorate!