



Speech By  
**Hon. Cameron Dick**


**MEMBER FOR WOODRIDGE**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Workforce Strategy**

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment) (9.48 am): Day after day, week after week, we see further proof that Queensland's strong health response to COVID-19 underpins our nation-leading economic recovery. We have experienced stronger growth in domestic economic activity than the rest of Australia. Business conditions are higher than the national average. Queensland has achieved faster workforce participation growth and a record level of merchandise exports. The resilience and strength of Queenslanders puts us in the best possible position as we look to the future.

Queensland is in a strong position to capitalise on a wealth of opportunities that lie before us. That means creating more jobs in more industries. It means Queenslanders having the skills they need to fill those jobs to take new opportunities as they arise. Coupled with our great Queensland lifestyle, the skills and dedication of Queenslanders will extend our competitive advantage. It is our workforce and our people that will drive Queensland's competitive advantage and attract new investment. In addition to Queensland's traditional industries, we look forward to the opportunities that will come from new sectors including new economy minerals, advanced manufacturing, defence and aerospace, and creative and digital services.

Through our Queensland Workforce Strategy 2022-2032, we are continuing our investment in Queensland's workforce. We are committed to continuing to invest in training opportunities to upskill Queensland workers. We want to help all Queenslanders, young and old, to enter the workforce and remain there in secure, fulfilling careers. The Queensland Workforce Strategy will support our industries, businesses and communities to develop, skill and grow their workforces, and this workforce strategy will support the Palaszczuk Labor government's determination to deliver the long and prosperous future that Queenslanders deserve.