




Speech By
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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) (9.59 am): We have just heard from the Premier about a \$1.1 billion plan to deliver faster rail between Brisbane and the Gold Coast as we track towards the Brisbane 2032 Olympics. Fast rail, along with the pipeline of projects we are delivering as we head towards the Olympics, will help change the face of Queensland and deliver hundreds of jobs and flow-on effects to supply chains across Queensland. Our government is building infrastructure that unlocks development, generates construction activity and creates long-term employment throughout the state. We are making sure in the process that people spend less time commuting and more time at home with their families.

The Palaszczuk government is also investing \$15 million from the Building Acceleration Fund for works at the Port of Brisbane and the Lytton fuel terminal. Just recently, I was pleased to be there with the member for Lytton to make that announcement. The funding will go to IOR Petroleum which is commissioning approximately \$48 million of works to construct new importing facilities and storage tanks.

The project will create up to 264 construction jobs and eight operational jobs. Construction kicked off at the start of this month and will see new importing and storage facilities built to hold significant quantities of domestic fuel. This joint investment will not only create jobs but also help ensure the Port of Brisbane can continue to effectively service the fuel needs of our state. This is one of eight major projects which will accelerate the delivery of essential infrastructure. To date, the fund has created more than 650 jobs for Queenslanders, unlocking \$189.7 million in infrastructure investment across Queensland, and there is more to come. We will not let the antics of Scott Morrison or those opposite distract us from our No. 1 job—jobs for Queenslanders.