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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) (9.51 am): At the outset, I acknowledge the work of the Premier and the Attorney-General on the government's response to the report of the Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce. It is indeed important. I acknowledge those who join us in the gallery.

The Palaszczuk government is proud to partner with Visy, both on securing the land for the International Broadcast Centre for Brisbane 2032 and on a new recycling boon for Queensland—with Visy investing \$700 million on expanding its recycling and remanufacturing operations across Queensland. Thanks to a \$16 million investment from the Palaszczuk government, Visy will invest in major upgrades to the material recovery facility on Gibson Island. Upgrading the facility will not only create local jobs but also increase recycling capacity to significantly reduce landfill.

The works include a new state-of-the-art paper optical sorting plant that will be able to turn mixed paper, picked up in kerbside collections, into 100 per cent recycled paper, reducing landfill waste. Visy expects that this upgrade will see close to an additional 30,000 tonnes of material diverted from landfill each year. The upgrades to the Gibson Island facility will also create 11 jobs. Visy's investment also includes a new \$500 million glass food and beverage container recycling and manufacturing facility in Yatala and a new \$150 million corrugated box factory at Hemmant.

Now that we have secured the site for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games International Broadcast Centre we can support Visy to expand their operations around the state. Visy have pledged to invest \$2 billion in Australian recycling and clean energy infrastructure over the next decade, creating thousands of new green collar, well-paying Australian manufacturing jobs. We want as many of them as possible to be in Queensland. Importantly, the IBC deal also protects the more than 200 manufacturing jobs associated with the glass factory, with the new glass manufacturing facility at Stapylton replacing the current facility at West End. The nine-hectare IBC site offers wonderful legacy potential for after 2032. This deal, and Visy's massive investment in Queensland jobs and Queensland's future, is testament to business confidence in the direction this government is leading the state in.