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H2-Hub Gladstone

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure) (9.43 am): Queensland has a long and proud history of converting our natural advantages to economic advantage. There are so many examples across our great state, but one of the best is using the deep water of Gladstone Harbour, together with our natural resources and the enterprise and skill of so many Queenslanders to build one of the strongest industrial hubs and one of the best multicommodity ports in the world. It is this advantage, alongside the large state development area, the connection to the Central Queensland Renewable Energy Zone and the fact that our energy assets are in public hands, that gives Gladstone the potential to be a truly global green hydrogen hub.

Queenslanders can now have their say on the H2-Hub Gladstone proposal to develop a \$4.7 billion green hydrogen and green ammonia production and export facility at Yarwun. Queensland's Coordinator-General has released drafts of reference for the H2-Hub Gladstone project's environmental impact statement. This means Queenslanders can now comment on the EIS to ensure a thorough assessment of this project. This is an exciting project for Central Queensland and for the state's future as an emerging hydrogen superpower.

H2U is proposing a two-stage development to create a major new industrial hub in the Gladstone state development area with export infrastructure at Fisherman's Landing wharf at the port of Gladstone. H2U estimates the project will create over 550 jobs during construction, with up to 350 jobs during the peak construction phase and 140 ongoing operational jobs.

I announced in April that the project had been declared a coordinated project and that H2U and Orica had made a strategic partnership agreement to initiate the project's first phase. The opening of the public notification period on the draft terms of reference is another step forward. Subject to approvals, H2U proposes to begin stage 1 construction in 2023, with production commencing towards the end of 2025.

The H2-Hub Gladstone project has a planned capacity of up to three gigawatts of electrolysis and up to 5,000 tonnes per day of green ammonia production. It is expected that the proposed facility will use 100 per cent renewable energy from newly built solar and wind resources in the Central Queensland region. The public can comment on the EIS draft terms of reference until 13 September 2022.