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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) (10.17 am): Last week I chaired the Advisory Council on Defence Industry and Jobs, which was hosted by Rheinmetall Defence Australia at the Military Vehicle Centre of Excellence in Redbank, the most advanced military vehicle manufacturing facility in Australia.

The Palaszczuk government is very proud of what we have built with Rheinmetall at Milvehcoe. Federal defence minister Richard Marles was in Berlin this week showcasing the growing strategic partnership between Australia and Germany, including the Queensland Rheinmetall partnership. Thanks to that partnership and the support from Minister Marles, Queensland could soon export Boxer reconnaissance vehicles manufactured here to Germany. What a fantastic endorsement of Queensland manufacturing and Queensland's advanced manufacturing workforce that we could export Queensland-made military vehicles.

Our government worked hard to build Milvehcoe, in partnership with Rheinmetall, to attract and create good, secure jobs for Queenslanders. Who could forget then minister Lynham's efforts—travelling to Germany at the eleventh hour to seal that critical deal? These high-skilled manufacturing jobs are the types of jobs we will need more of in the future as we continue to grow Queensland's economy. Our Workforce Strategy, released this week, will help attract the workers we need for projects just like this one.