




Speech By  
**Hon. Dr Steven Miles**  
**MEMBER FOR MURRUMBA**

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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

### Energy Infrastructure

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure) (10.16 am): I too acknowledge the delegation from the South-East Queensland Council of Mayors. I look forward to meeting with them later in the day.

Queensland is ready to build the infrastructure that will deliver more clean green power generation and more jobs. From the south-east to the north, Far North and north-west, we are ready to build Australia's largest energy supergrid. Our Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan sets out how we will construct a new backbone of high-voltage transmission infrastructure. There will be new pumped hydro projects, more batteries and more renewables located in our three Queensland renewable energy zones. The plan sets out a path to transform our electricity network with \$62 billion worth of public and private investment over the next 15 years. With that transformation comes the need for thousands of batteries, wind turbines and solar panels, and kilometres of transmission lines. Over the next 13 years, Queensland will need more than 2,000 wind turbines, more than 7,000 wind tower blades, almost 25 million solar PV modules and nearly 7,000 batteries. We want that equipment built here in Queensland so that Queenslanders get the benefits.

Last week we released the *Energy Manufacturing Opportunities Prospectus*. It is a call-out to all electricity equipment manufacturing businesses to be part of the domestic manufacturing supply chains for the renewable energy components needed to build the SuperGrid. Local manufacturing means more jobs, it means a boost to Queensland's economy and it means homegrown experts in equipment manufacturing. Our state is already well on its way to becoming one of the world's most significant renewable energy powerhouses. We are making use not only of our natural advantages like wind, solar and critical minerals but also the expertise and capability of our people to do this and do it well. So far, since it opened last week, we have had 114 businesses register their interest. The Palaszczuk government is calling on businesses and industry that manufacture this equipment in Queensland to register their interest and be part of the market sounding.