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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

GlenTech Auto

 **Mr O'ROURKE** (Rockhampton—ALP) (2.33 pm): Earlier this month I had the pleasure of representing the Hon. Grace Grace to officially open the GlenTech Auto facility. GlenTech Auto is a proud Glenmore State High School initiative, and rightly so. The school is partnered with the Motor Trades Association of Queensland to give high school students from not only Glenmore State High School but also other high schools around Rocky the opportunity to complete a Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation in their final two years of schooling. This qualification will provide approximately 60 participating students from Glenmore State High School, Rockhampton State High School, North Rockhampton State High School and Mount Morgan State High School the opportunity to grow their basic automotive skills. The skills they will learn are directly relevant to local trade-based industries, including mining and transport.

It was great to congratulate Glenmore State High School for its work in identifying the need to provide training that is going to support students who have an interest in working in these industries. This automotive training facility goes a long way to accomplishing this goal. The Motor Trades Association of Queensland has partnered with Glenmore State High School to deliver this initiative and to provide a trainer to work alongside the teacher to deliver the automotive programs. Thanks to Kawana Wreckers for donating the car parts, and also to Stephen Waterson who donated a car. GlenTech Auto is an example of the Queensland government's strong focus on creating good jobs and better services to enhance our great Queensland lifestyle.

I am pleased to be able to say that the Queensland government contributed \$605,000 to refurbish an existing health and education storage shed for this project. In talking with the students in the first intake, they were so excited and looking forward to having each Wednesday in the auto shed. This new facility will give the local high school students a great start to a bright future. I know that the GlenTech Auto team has already made strong connections with the local community including local industry.

The next training facility I look forward to seeing completed is the aquaculture centre at Rockhampton State High School which we are providing funding for as well. Under Minister Grace Grace, we have seen such wonderful initiatives into our schools. It is great to be part of a Palaszczuk government that is delivering great programs.