



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR MANSFIELD**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### Mansfield Electorate

 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (7.10 pm): Comprising nine suburbs, Mansfield stands as a proud community with a rich cultural tapestry, encompassing approximately 30 per cent of Chinese heritage, 30 per cent of Indian heritage and the remaining residents Caucasian—Australian, New Zealand, English, Canadian and South African. This diverse blend is what truly makes Mansfield special. At the heart of our community lies our world-class schools, not mere educational institutions but creative hubs fostering critical and deep thinking. Having secured more than \$180 million in funding for our local schools, I take pride in ensuring our students access the best possible education, attracting families from across Australia's east coast and Asia who choose to move to the Mansfield electorate.

Exciting developments in connectivity are reshaping our community. The direct flight from Brisbane to China marks a significant milestone for our community. I have dedicated considerable efforts to collaborating with the federal government, the state government, the Consulate-General of China in Brisbane and various community leaders to make this a reality. This new era of connectivity will have a positive impact on families who commute each week and on our tourism export industries and job markets. It is not just a flight to my community; it is a leap towards a more prosperous future for Mansfield.

The Palaszczuk government has recently unveiled the \$62 billion Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan. Queensland is embarking on an exciting journey towards cheaper, cleaner and more secure energy. We are taking action on climate change while delivering cheaper power bills for our residents. Renewable energy is the way of the future and we are committed to harnessing its potential. Around 20 per cent of Queensland's energy is currently sourced from renewables, and we are targeting 50 per cent by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2050. This transition is expected to create approximately 100,000 new industrial jobs in hydrogen, renewables, manufacturing and critical minerals. As we approach the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Queensland anticipates a golden decade of rapid growth and increased investment, with businesses set to share \$180 billion in government procurement leading up to 2032.

China, our largest trading partner, plays a crucial role in our state's economy. The implementation of the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement is stimulating Chinese investment in a number of strategic industries, including in the renewable energy sector. As the state member representing the electorate of Mansfield, I am thrilled to witness the positive changes shaping our community. From our world-class schools to the direct flights to China and our commitment to renewable energy and job creation, Mansfield is indeed a place of opportunity and growth.