



Speech By  
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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

### Manufacturing

 **Hon. GJ BUTCHER** (Gladstone—ALP) (Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water) (9.59 am): There is no bigger supporter of Queensland manufacturing than the Palaszczuk Labor government, and how good was that announcement we just heard from the Premier and the minister about building buses in Queensland. Manufacturing in Queensland contributes \$20 billion annually to the Queensland economy and employs over 180,000 Queenslanders in good, secure jobs in this state. Between our Made in Queensland and Manufacturing Hub Grants Program, we are also investing nearly \$130 million directly into those local businesses and supporting over 6½ thousand jobs because of those grants. That number is projected to grow to 10,000 jobs in the next five years on the back of those two grants.

Our investment is certainly helping Queensland manufacturers to grow and to increase international competitiveness, productivity and innovation in manufacturing. Thanks to the Palaszczuk government, we are making more things here in Queensland and this month is our chance to really celebrate how amazing our Queensland local manufacturing industry really is. September is Queensland and the nation's first ever Manufacturing Month: a month dedicated to showcasing how our businesses—from the tip of the cape to the Tweed River, from the coast to the outback and all points in-between—are making things here in Queensland. As part of Manufacturing Month, we are celebrating the expansion of the Inside Advanced Manufacturing program where advanced manufacturers have opened their doors for a behind-the-scenes look at how our great manufacturing industries are using Industry 4.0 technology and techniques that have grown their businesses. This means that other Queensland businesses are now learning from the best manufacturers in this state.

In this last week I have travelled throughout Brisbane, the Gold Coast, the Sunshine Coast, Maryborough and Bundaberg visiting local manufacturers in those areas. On that list was Zone RV from the Sunshine Coast which received \$1.16 million through the Made in Queensland grant program. It has purchased a 20-metre-long, five-metre-wide and two-metre-high 3D printer—in fact, it is the largest printer in the Southern Hemisphere based right here in Queensland on the Sunshine Coast—that is seeing it manufacture components for its RVs and also creating the opportunity to do that for other companies at the same time. When it received its grant last year, it told us that that equipment would help it put on an extra 90 people in its business. However, it was even better news to go and talk to Zone RV the other day and see those workers on site. It has now created an extra 99 jobs in that business because of our manufacturing grants. It told us that it could not have done this without the support of a good government in Queensland that delivers for our manufacturers.

Tonight I am hosting the manufacturing showcase event here at Parliament House. We are bringing together some of Queensland's incredible manufacturers who are going to show off their amazing products on the Speaker's Green. I encourage everyone in the House tonight to come on down and join me and see for yourself the real talent that we have in manufacturing in Queensland. The

Palaszczuk government will always back Queensland manufacturing and always back Queensland jobs. Thanks to that support of the Queensland government, local businesses are making more of what we need and what the world needs right here in Queensland.