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
**MEMBER FOR BUNDAMBA**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Bundamba Electorate, Manufacturing**

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (2.22 pm): We are delivering better services and more infrastructure while creating more good jobs, including through local manufacturing in our local community in Redbank. Full-scale production is underway for the very first locally made Boxer combat recognisance vehicles at our local Rheinmetall Military Vehicle Centre of Excellence in Redbank. I was proud to welcome the Premier and the Deputy Premier back to Redbank to catch up with some of the 600 workers at Australia's most advanced military vehicle manufacturing facility, a facility that was secured in Queensland in our local community thanks to the Palaszczuk government.

Also in Redbank, Queensland Rail and its partners are transforming train travel with a new world-class signalling system, the European Train Control System, that is supporting up to another 200 local jobs. Still in Redbank, Progress Rail is keeping our iconic regional locomotives and tourist trains on track with state-of-the-art upgrades as part of a \$21 million investment that is supporting around 50 more local jobs. Moving next door to Swanbank, we are creating jobs at South-East Queensland's very first clean energy hub at Swanbank—where we saved Swanbank E power station from being sold off. Under proud public ownership, we are installing a 250-megawatt battery that is providing 60 jobs in construction alone, as well as looking at a solar farm, renewable hydrogen production and refuelling, as well as community co-designed spaces. We are also creating jobs through a brand new state-of-the-art health facility, our \$85 million South Ripley satellite hospital that is currently under construction. Recently I had the opportunity to inspect the progress, and it is coming along extremely well. It was great to catch up with the workers who are working there and who are soon going to be joined by more frontline health staff.

Bundamba is booming under the Palaszczuk Labor government, but all of that is at risk under the LNP. They have revealed their plan to cut, sack and sell and they have Bundamba squarely in their sights as part of their billion dollar cuts hit list. Their hit list, published by the LNP themselves, includes the South Ripley satellite hospital, the ETCS train project at Redbank and no doubt they will likely try to shut down Swanbank E power station again to sell it off. They even have listed the Centenary Bridge upgrade on their list so traffic will get worse. In contrast, we are delivering on our commitment to bring back more manufacturing and deliver jobs for Bundamba.