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 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure) (11.02 am): When it comes to decarbonising our skies, Queensland is the place to invest. Queensland produces significant feedstock needed to make sustainable aviation fuel, including parts of crops that were once discarded, enabling a new revenue stream for our incredible farmers.

Queensland is the birthplace of Qantas, the home of Virgin Australia, and new airline, Bonza, recently chose the Sunshine Coast as its first base of operations. The Palaszczuk government has been working with industry to establish sustainable aviation fuel production facilities to supply the aviation industry. The demand for biofuels is building across all sectors with the International Energy Agency expecting global demand for biofuels to grow by 41 billion litres, or 28 per cent, over the five years to 2026. Queensland has been recognised as one of the best locations in the world for the establishment of a sustainable aviation fuel supply chain.

Already, Oceania Biofuels selected Gladstone as the location for the development of a \$500 million sustainable aviation fuel refinery that will deliver 350 million litres of aviation fuel and renewable diesel each year. The purpose-built plant will use locally sourced waste and sustainable feedstock such as tallow, canola and used cooking oil, establishing an important supply chain in Gladstone.

Last week we signed a memorandum of understanding with Ampol and Japanese energy giant ENEOS to explore biofuels production in Brisbane. The companies will assess the feasibility of delivering an advanced biofuels manufacturing plant at Ampol's Lytton refinery site. The plant would have the capacity to generate up to 500 million litres of SAF and renewable diesel a year.

As the Premier announced today, the Palaszczuk government is partnering with Jet Zero Australia, Qantas, Airbus and LanzaJet to complete a feasibility study to build a biorefinery that will help power the nation's aviation market with green jet fuel. Our government's investment will help complete the feasibility work and identify a site in Queensland for the facility. The new biorefinery planned for Queensland could produce more than 100 million litres of sustainable aviation fuel each year to power flights across Australia, including by Qantas. It will create 100 full-time jobs for Queenslanders and open up new export opportunities. The Palaszczuk government is focused on a cleaner future for Queensland, and the investments we make in cleaner industries now will provide jobs for generations to come.