



Speech By  
**Hon. Dr Steven Miles**


**MEMBER FOR MURRUMBA**

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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) (9.47 am): At the outset, I add my condolences to those expressed by the Premier to the family and friends of Izzy Nash. It was a moving service yesterday and reminds us of the sacrifices our first responders make every single day.

When it comes to decarbonising our skies, Queensland is the place to invest. As we move towards a decarbonised future, the world's airlines have committed to achieving net zero emissions by 2050. They can only do this by using sustainable aviation fuel. During Australian Renewable Fuels Week, we have taken the next step to getting this vision on the runway and making Queensland the home of sustainable aviation fuel. I am pleased to announce to the House today that the Queensland government has signed a memorandum of understanding with Qantas to collaborate on further developing a sustainable aviation fuel industry right here in the Sunshine State. In Australia, Qantas is targeting 10 per cent of its fuel to come from sustainable sources by 2030 and around 60 per cent by 2050. Right now, all of this sustainable aviation fuel is imported from overseas.

With our rich supply of feedstock and skilled workforce, Qantas understands that Queensland is internationally recognised as an ideal location to establish an Australasian SAF supply chain. The Palaszczuk government's commitment to sustainability has given Qantas the confidence to trust us as a sustainable aviation fuel hub because we have set the state up for success with the right mix of investment, government support and industry collaboration.

Members will recall that in March the Palaszczuk government announced support for Jet Zero Australia to start a feasibility study for a new biorefinery in Queensland which could produce up to 100 million litres of sustainable aviation fuel a year. We have also partnered with Ampol and ENEOS which will assess the feasibility of delivering an advanced biofuels manufacturing plant at Lytton. In Central Queensland, Oceania Biofuels is building a commercial aviation fuel biorefinery in Gladstone. I have no doubt sustainable aviation fuel made right here in Queensland will be powering planes across the globe in the years to come.