



Speech By  
**Hon. Dr Steven Miles**


**MEMBER FOR MURRUMBA**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Defence and Aerospace Industry Development Fund**

 **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) (9.58 am): More than 40 per cent of Australian Army personnel and their vehicles are based in Queensland. Our government is leveraging this opportunity to support small businesses to develop their defence, aerospace and space capabilities to create more good jobs for Queenslanders. I am pleased to announce 24 small to medium-sized Queensland businesses will share in more than \$420,000 through the next round of the Defence and Aerospace Industry Development Fund. This \$1.5 million Defence and Aerospace Industry Development Fund is designed to give small to medium-sized businesses the extra help they need to take their operation to the next level. One of those businesses is Australian Training Works in Cairns, which is a registered Indigenous business offering tailored solutions for Indigenous training and employment outcomes. They are actively pursuing opportunities to supply the defence, aerospace and space sectors and we are helping them to do just that.

The successful applicants come from across the state, including Atherton, Coolumb, Brisbane, Logan, Cleveland, Toowoomba, Chinchilla and Maryborough. Whether it is building armed reconnaissance vehicles at Redbank, shell forging in Maryborough or sustaining naval vessels in Cairns, these projects all have one thing in common—jobs for Queenslanders.