



Speech By  
**Hon. Dr Steven Miles**


**MEMBER FOR MURRUMBA**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Industry Partnership Program**

 **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) (9.44 am): The Palaszczuk government is working with industry to secure the jobs of the future for Queenslanders. From manufacturing jobs in Townsville and the Wide Bay, maritime maintenance jobs in Cairns to the state's booming biomedical industry, so many local businesses and global giants are looking to expand or bring their operations here to Queensland. They are attracted to our strong resources, our skilled workforce and our pathway to net zero energy. This year's state budget included an additional \$53.5 million to continue our highly successful Industry Partnership Program. The Industry Partnership Program is our flagship state development program focused on growing Queensland's priority industries, strengthening our local supply chains, encouraging collaboration between levels of government and industry, and leveraging private sector investment.

I am pleased to advise the House today that the next allocation of funding under the Industry Partnership Program is officially open. This round we are looking to focus the program on critical minerals, renewable energy manufacturing, battery industry development, green hydrogen, bioeconomy initiatives including biofuels and sustainable aviation fuel, the circular economy and biomedical projects. Since the launch of the Industry Partnership Program, 18 projects have been approved representing an investment in Queensland of over \$1.1 billion and the potential to create over 1,850 operational jobs. The program has also enabled proponents to leverage further funding from Commonwealth government programs, making sure our Queensland industries get their fair share of these national funding programs.

There are already a number of fantastic IPP projects being developed in communities right across our state. The member for Gladstone knows all about Fortescue Future Industries' green hydrogen facility as well as Alpha HPA's commercial plant for high-purity alumina, both situated in the industrial powerhouse that is the port city. Further north in Townsville, Vecco Group's vanadium battery electrolyte manufacturing facility is showing Queensland how we can leverage our critical minerals to value-add in a new industry sector. It was great to join the member for Mackay at QUT's upgraded renewable biocommodities pilot plant which is helping the biomanufacturing industry take great strides in development. The list goes on: the Visy Recycling facility at Gibson Island, the Translational Research Institute here in Brisbane and upgrades to the Cairns Marine Precinct. This program is creating high-value jobs and bringing new skills and capabilities to our established and emerging industries. The Palaszczuk government's new \$53 million investment and our clear focus on seizing the opportunities available to us mean more good, secure jobs in Queensland, more secure supply chains and more products stamped with 'Made in Queensland'.