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**Hon. Grace Grace**


**MEMBER FOR MCCONNEL**

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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

### Infrastructure

 **Hon. G GRACE** (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing) (10.02 am): The Miles government has an exciting vision for the future of Queensland, and we are turning that vision into a reality. Our record-breaking Big Build, with over \$90 billion in the next four years alone, is delivering the homes, the schools, the hospitals, the renewable energy infrastructure, and the roads and transport our growing state needs—all supported by our progressive coal royalties. For example, last week I was pleased to announce that Economic Development Queensland, EDQ, is developing a concept master plan for a new health and education precinct when I joined the member for Bundaberg, the Premier, the Deputy Premier and the health minister to turn the sod on the new \$1.2 billion Bundaberg Hospital. Again, this record investment in health care is supported by our progressive coal royalties. The plan will deliver a strategic blueprint to guide decision-making and development opportunities the hospital will bring to ensure services are there for this fast-growing community, including housing for our frontline workers.

Last week, along with the member for Hervey Bay, I also announced that EDQ and Maritime Safety Queensland are developing a strategic master plan to provide a long-term vision for Urangan boat harbour. The rain did not dampen our spirits, did it, member for Hervey Bay? This magnificent harbour is already a key regional tourism and maritime destination on the Fraser Coast, but we believe there is greater opportunity. Much of the land around the harbour is underutilised and there is potential to better capitalise on Hervey Bay's proximity to K'gari and status as a whale heritage site. Consultation opens next month and I encourage the local community to get involved, as I know the member for Hervey Bay will as well.

In Brisbane, the Woolloongabba Plan, which is currently out for public consultation, will deliver around 14,000 new homes and provide workplace and business opportunities for 36,000 workers around the new Woolloongabba Cross River Rail station that Labor is delivering. Recently I also launched the Future South Bank Master Plan, which renews the vision for one of Queensland's most popular precincts. South Bank's transformation is central to Brisbane becoming a more sustainable, better connected and accessible city for everyone.

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the Queensland delegation who are going to BIO 2024 next month whom I had the pleasure of hosting in parliament yesterday. This year marks the 25th year Queensland has been involved in BIO and is another example of our state leading the way when it comes to the jobs of the future, supported by our government's Biomedical 10-year Roadmap and Action Plan. With that plan, we have attracted Sanofi to invest in the Boggo Road Translational Research Institute as well as supporting Vaxxas, which are delivering innovative needle-free vaccines. The Miles government's progressive coal royalties are supporting these exciting plans for a future made in Queensland—plans which would all be at risk if we were not making multinational companies pay their fair share.