



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR MURRUMBA**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Renewable Energy**

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Premier) (9.56 am): Our government has a vision for the future of Queensland—a vision where we make more things here in Queensland. Last week we were in Gladstone to open the new electrolyser factory—the biggest electrolyser factory in the world. The very next day we turned the sod on a new solar farm nearby at Aldoga, one of the biggest in the world and one where all of the power has already been sold to produce hydrogen to deliver to our trading partners in Japan and Singapore.

Yesterday I travelled back to Gladstone to announce, with the Prime Minister, new funding for Alpha HPA that will enable massive upscaling of their enterprise there. Alpha's leadership team say their technology, which is a world first, means they can manufacture high-purity alumina at a commercial level while remaining sustainable and cost-effective. The Alpha HPA site in Gladstone is 100 per cent powered by renewable energy—490 construction jobs totally supported by renewable energy; 200 ongoing jobs totally supported by renewable energy. The Alpha leadership team says their global advantage is substantially based on the ability to leverage off existing infrastructure in Gladstone, and that includes the renewable energy network here in Queensland that is continuing to be rolled out. The high-purity alumina manufactured in Gladstone will go into things like our phone screens, our watch glass and the batteries we are going to need for our cars—all products that the world will need more of into the future.

The future of Queensland is leveraging our incredible renewable energy resources with our transmission infrastructure to create the jobs and products that the world needs. There is a significant pipeline of work over the next decade to deliver sustainable, clean energy to Queensland's households and industry. To deliver it we need trades for the transition. It is our plan to create new jobs in manufacturing, electrical and hydrogen while supporting existing ones. Our government will train the young workers of today so they may become the industry leaders of tomorrow.

Later today the energy minister and I will release the trades for the transition road map. It is these workers who will be on the front line of our renewable energy transformation and decarbonised economy. It is critical that we attract and retain the best, provide a pipeline of trainees and apprentices, and ensure good wages and conditions, because Queensland is on the world stage for our leadership on environmental protections and our vision for the future of this state's economy.