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Renewable Energy and Jobs Plan

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Premier) (9.37 am): Our renewable Energy and Jobs Plan is working to deliver more good blue-collar jobs in our regions. In April, 10,600 new jobs were created in Queensland, making up one in three jobs created across the nation. Our plan is now supported by the federal government's \$23.7 billion Future Made in Australia plan, including supporting jobs in critical minerals, hydrogen and green metals. I welcome this investment because a future made in Australia is a future made in Queensland.

This week the federal Treasurer announced the first major project that had been unlocked by this investment—a partnership between Quinbrook and Central Queensland Metals to develop a green iron project in Gladstone. This project involves mining magnetite 70 kilometres west of Gladstone to produce green iron at the Gladstone State Development Area. The Gladstone green iron project will use hydrogen produced from the Central Queensland hydrogen project that our government is supporting. The project represents \$3.5 billion of capital investment from the mine to processing to port. It is big news for blue-collar jobs in Queensland—moving beyond a dig-and-ship operation to make the first green iron in Queensland, with the potential to support a green steel industry into the future. Our government backs these projects because they mean more good jobs in our regions powered by our plan for 24/7 renewable energy.