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Trade Mission, Japan and India

 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (9.33 am): Under this government, Queensland is open for business. We are committed to putting Queensland front and centre of international trade. At the end of this week, I will lead a team of business leaders on a trade mission to India and Japan to spruik Queensland as one of the world's best places to do business, to holiday, to learn and to live.

Japan is Queensland's third largest goods export destination and a key investment partner for the state, while India is Queensland's fourth largest goods export market. Our goal is to boost import and export trade, develop strategic partnerships and enhance opportunities for investment to grow. We will be meeting with global businesses and industry leaders across the resources and energy sectors, primary industries and international education. We will also be discussing opportunities for housing supply, as well as tourism and sports event attraction.

Australia is an ever-growing market for Indian tourists. In Queensland we want to capitalise on this to show the amazing tourism offerings that we have. That is why I will be meeting with airlines to put direct flights from India to Queensland on the agenda. It is another way we can put Queensland on the global map. I know those in our Queensland Indian community would be excited at the prospect of seeing professional Kabaddi teams play here in Queensland. I would love to see it, and I am hoping we will be able to deliver just that.

I will also be continuing our push to host the Quad Leaders' Summit in Queensland. Queensland has never been better placed to host the Quad Leaders' Summit. Now is the time to get the quad to Queensland with our strategic location, trade links and world-class infrastructure. Our state can use this event to continue the incredible momentum we have building as a global destination, particularly on the runway towards the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. It is all part of our plan to deepen our ties with partners like India and Japan after a decade of decline under Labor.

Ahead of the trade mission last week, our government launched a new Queensland-India trade investment strategy. It follows the launch of a new Queensland-Japan strategy last month. It is no secret that our longstanding relationship with these important trading partners and our deep friends was shaken in recent years following decisions by the previous administration. Those decisions were damaging. I want to acknowledge those in our team who since coming to government have sought to re-establish and strengthen our relationship with our key trading partners, particularly Japan. Many from our cabinet have been working hard, even on the ground, with our Japanese counterparts to bolster Queensland's trade relationship. We are focused on aligning Queensland's strengths with the strategic needs of our valuable trade partners. Maximising trade and investment in Queensland will support businesses large and small from the regions to the cities. This trade mission provides an important opportunity to emphasise to our friends in India and Japan that, under this government, Queensland is open for business.