



Speech By Hon. David Crisafulli

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Hon. DF CRISAFULLI (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (2.06 pm): I want to address news today that BHP has decided to scale back operations at a Queensland mine. It will impact 750 jobs. There is no doubt this is a really difficult time for those workers. The company has flagged the uncertainty of regulations and taxation caused as a result of decisions—without consultation—made by the former government. What we must now establish is the stability that Queensland is a safe place in which to invest.

Just last month we secured hundreds of new jobs and investment in our resources sector through the expansion of the Carmichael coalmine. An agreement was done but it was never honoured under the former government. These are new jobs that would never have happened if Queenslanders had not voted for change.

While in Japan and India I spoke to companies about investing in Queensland coal, and I hope to have some exciting developments to announce shortly. Our government is working to restore confidence in our resources industry. The days of the government being at war with the industry are over.