




Speech By
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 **Hon. DC JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership) (10.02 am): Our great state is open for business—open for investment, open for innovation and open for the jobs that will secure our economic future. The resources sector has long been the backbone of Queensland's economic security and prosperity. It is the industry that has built our regional towns, funded our essential services and sustained hundreds of thousands of Queensland families. That is why this government is creating certainty and stability in our resources sector to restore investor confidence and drive security for its future. When our resources sector is strong, Queensland is strong.

In the last week of November, three major projects were unlocked, thanks to partnerships between the Crisafulli government and the resources sector. As mentioned by the Deputy Premier, in Central Queensland, the Deputy Premier, alongside the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, declared Peabody's Centurion Mine extension a coordinated project. In another boost for Central Queensland, the Crisafulli government helped secure major international investment into Broadlea, Carborough Downs and Ironbark coalmines, working alongside a consortium to deliver global long-term investment.

In the north-west, the resources minister and I welcomed a \$2.3 billion investment into Queensland's largest new copper mine. The Eva Copper Mine, to be delivered by Harmony Gold, will create up to 1,000 jobs during construction and 450 jobs once the mine is operational. The mine is expected to produce 60,000 tonnes of copper every year in a major win for workers and the north-west community, which further backs in our \$200 million investment in the North West Energy Fund.

All these investments underline the Crisafulli government's support for the north-west. These investments are being made into Queensland by our international partners—investors from Japan, Europe, the United States and South Africa. The world's leading resources companies want what Queensland has to offer, from a wealth of critical minerals to steelmaking coking coal. Queensland is open for business and investors are walking through the door, ready to partner with us to deliver for our state.