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Premier puts Queensland first: Queensland workers, Queensland jobs, Queensland businesses.

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk has delivered a massive win for Queensland workers, families and businesses with the announcement of the Queensland Government's new Queensland Procurement Strategy.

This new policy, which will take effect as of 1 September 2017, will ensure that the Government's multi-billion yearly investment in goods, essential services and infrastructure will directly benefit Queensland workers, Queensland families, Queensland businesses and the Queensland economy.

Under the policy;

- Local subbies and manufacturers (within a 125km radius) on significant infrastructure projects of \$100 million or more will be given preference.
- Prioritises the use of 'truly local suppliers' and will create and support quality local jobs to ensure Regional Queensland prospers.
- Youth will also benefit greatly with a 15% training policy (up from the current 10%) on all eligible projects which will deliver a huge boost to apprenticeship numbers in the state.
- The new Queensland Procurement policy will be backed up by a special compliance, co-ordination and referral unit.

CFMEU Divisional Branch Secretary Michael Ravbar has praised Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk and the Minister for Housing and Public Works Mick de Brenni for not being afraid to do the hard work and actually deliver a bold and well thought out policy, which puts Queensland first.

A policy, which will support quality secure jobs, encourage investment in our regional communities, opposes free trade agreements and ensures our youth are given an opportunity.

This is a HUGE WIN for the Queensland economy.

The LNP are huge supporters of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), which sell out local workers, and have opposed the new policy. In an Australian first, the Queensland State Government will no longer be bound by FTAs.

During the Newman/Nicholls reign, we saw regional communities decimated under a procurement policy, which provided no accountability or transparency and saw jobs sent offshore and interstate.

I am proud to see we finally have a government who is not afraid to stand up to Free Trade Agreements and supports local jobs for local workers.

This new policy demonstrates that the Palaszczuk Government is committed to delivering genuine outcomes for Queenslanders and will do what is required to ensure that Queenslanders are put first.