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## ADJOURNMENT

### Australian Industry Trade College, Cleveland

 **Dr ROBINSON** (Cleveland—LNP) (12.39 am): The Australian Industry Trade College, AITC, has recently opened its Redland campus in the electorate of Cleveland. For many years the AITC has delivered quality trade and senior education training to Queensland students from its Robina base, which has led to many employment opportunities. In the past, many young Redlanders had not had the opportunity to access training and jobs locally to that same degree. They had been forced to commute out of the city towards Brisbane to be part of other programs. This new trade college facility will not only provide future employment benefits and opportunities to the students on site but also have a positive impact in terms of congestion and pressure on the roads for many local families.

The college selects technically talented high school students who are willing to complete their secondary education with it rather than at school. The students' education is broken into two parts. Although curriculum approved educational programs are completed at the college, a partnership arrangement exists with the local TAFE for the students to learn a trade. A significant proportion of time is given to students to learn on the job, giving them essential practical experience. On completion, the students graduate with both their high school education and a job. Statewide, the college offers over 600 apprenticeships and traineeships and has resulted in over 1,100 of their graduates being now employed.

All this could not have been achieved without the hard work of a number of people. Firstly, there are the AITC directors and their staff, who have done an amazing job to open the college in Cleveland. Then there is Stephanie Morris, who has played a key role in raising the concept of the college locally and who continues to promote it. Stephanie saw the need for this type of education and training facility in the Cleveland electorate and approached the Mayor of the Redland City Council, Karen Williams, other councillors and local state members who have all become strong advocates for the college. As part of the process of encouraging the college to expand to the Redlands area, fact-finding visits to the Robina site were very helpful.

The council has kindly provided a facility for the college to operate out of in Cleveland to service all of the Redlands. It is also encouraging to see that local Redland businesses have bought into the concept and are starting to provide training and practical opportunities for these young people who attend the college. There is now another option for our kids in the Redlands to learn a trade and start an apprenticeship. This is good for the Redlands and good for the education of our students.