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Lauga hails Dobinsons success after grant

North Rockhampton manufacturer Dobinsons Spring and Suspension has been hailed a successful case study in the Queensland Government's Unite and Recover plan.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said she was pleased a high-profile business like Dobinsons was well positioned to step up for the future after a grant from the Queensland Government helped them acquire world-leading equipment.

"I have met with the forward-thinking director Glen Dobinson on several occasions on a range of issues and I was pleased in 2019 when the company received more than \$581,000 through a Made in Queensland round 2 grant towards a \$1.2 million project to introduce state-of-the-art cold coiling processing capability."

Ms Lauga said this equipment enabled the company to respond more effectively to changing customer needs and rise to supply challenges resulting from COVID-19.

She said as a result Dobinsons was able to put on three new full-time workers, and they expect to create another 12 new jobs in the region over the next five years.

Premier Anastasia Palaszczuk released her Unite and Recover plan during her state of the state speech yesterday.

The Premier said the plan aims to bring Queensland's economy back better than it was before the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Businesses are changing the way they operate because they have to - because all of our lives have been impacted and changed.

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“That’s why we can’t just build the economy back to the way it was before.

“We have to build it back better.

“Sure it’s very challenging – but it also brings incredible opportunity.”

Premier Palaszczuk said Queensland’s economic recovery plan has been developed to respond to a set of conditions never before seen in our lifetime.

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