Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Bill 2023

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The "Energy (Renewable Transformation and jobs) Bill 2023" does not go far enough to fulfill the commitment made in;Part 1   Preliminary3   Main purposes of Act(c)   to provide for support and advocacy for workers in the energy industry and communities affected by the increased generation of electricity   from renewable energy sources.Communities such as Biloela and Chinchilla will suffer under this plan with the majority of job retention as part of this plan being met through "relocation packages". This will see the populations of these, and other communities in Queensland decline, affecting; Councils revenue, School enrolments, funding and quality of education, Sporting and Social Clubs viabilities, Real estate values in urban and rural areas and the socio-economic standards of these communities.The evident lack of the Governments' willingness to invest back into these existing power generating communities is glaringly obvious, leaving it to the Renewable Energy sector to offer jobs 'in construction' that will no doubt be performed across various projects by the same people, not offering anywhere near the number of jobs the Government claims it will, and as we all know these projects will offer very few ongoing jobs on completion of construction. The government also needs to ensure these ongoing jobs aren't lost once the benefactors of 'the jobs guarantee' have left the industry. These jobs need to be secure and ongoing for our future generations.This bill needs to deliver more in the way of a prosperous future for the affected communities across Queensland, Politics needs to be put aside and investment made back into these communities, regardless of which Party represents them, keeping workers and their families in these wonderful small towns where they have chosen to live, work and raise their families.