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Mr NUTTALL (Sandgate—ALP) (6.48 p.m.): In cooperation with Queensland's generators—Tarong, Stanwell, CS Energy—as well as Energex and Ergon, this Government is embarking on a public campaign to raise awareness of the significant economic and environmental benefits that can be gained from conserving energy. That is an issue that we need to discuss.

Commencing in early November, the energy conservation campaign will send a clear message to the community that energy conservation and efficiency can deliver significant cost savings to both consumers and business. It will also raise awareness that improving energy efficiency offers the most immediate way of reducing environmental impacts of energy use and energy related greenhouse gas emissions. However, the Government is not just looking at short-term measures. The energy conservation campaign is part of this Government's broader strategy to achieve efficiencies in energy production and use in order to secure a sustainable and reliable energy future for this State.

To help meet this challenge as well as its commitment to improving community awareness in renewable energy and energy efficiency, the Government has decided to establish an Office of Sustainable Energy. This new office will play a significant role in delivering a range of new energy services and programs to Queenslanders. The Office of Sustainable Energy will be providing any number of important services which will include provision of reliable and independent information on energy efficiency and energy conservation measures in the home, in schools and in businesses; the provision of energy efficient house plan assessments; the promotion and the facilitation of increased commercial applications of sustainable energy technologies; renewable energy programs, such as the recently launched solar hot water rebate scheme; the monitoring of future trends and challenges in the energy sector as they relate to sustainable energy objectives, and develop and implement appropriate response strategies——

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