



Speech By  
**Deb Frecklington**

**MEMBER FOR NANANGO**

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**MOTION: MINING INDUSTRY**

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (6.01 pm): I move—

That this House:

1. rejects the comments by Labor's federal climate change spokesman that 'I don't think there's a realistic prospect of new coalmines starting up in Australia in the foreseeable future', and
2. unequivocally supports Adani's Carmichael project as a major jobs driver in this state.

We all know that those opposite are completely divided on this issue. It is incredible to think in this day and age that the federal climate change spokesperson could say that there would be no place in Australia for any new coalmines. The state Labor government is always talking about wanting jobs and investment. This morning in the House those opposite were talking about economic development. The state Minister for Mines has said that he is supportive of the mining industry. I look forward to the Minister for Mines coming into this chamber tonight and supporting our motion. If there is one thing that we need in Queensland it is certainly investment, development and jobs that will flow through from much needed developments.

The Adani Carmichael project needs to be kickstarted. There is no other way of saying it. This is a project that would have been approved a long time ago were it not for the Labor government pandering to the Greens for their voting preferences.

**Mr Cripps** interjected.

**Ms Jones** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Pause the clock. Member for Hinchinbrook and Minister for Education, I urge you not to have a debate. You are disrupting the Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** I do appreciate the assistance from the shadow minister for natural resources and mines and I am sure that he will give a great contribution to this debate. It is incredible that we have a Minister for Environment here in Queensland who so openly goes against his cabinet colleague, the Minister for Mines. Today in the House we heard that the Minister for Mines supports mining. That is nice to hear because we are a resources state. Yet his colleague, the Minister for Environment, has gone to his local Labor branch in Mount Coot-tha where they have passed a resolution, not against mining but against the Adani development.

**Mr Costigan:** What does that tell you? It's a flip-flop!

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** This is an absolute flip-flop—I do take the interjection—given that the Adani project will create thousands of jobs, inject billions of dollars into the Queensland economy and generate millions of dollars in royalties. It seems that the LNP are the only people in this House who understand the potential of this project and what it can do to unleash Queensland. The member for Southern Downs has just been over to India to see the Adani people. They are asking for our clean and green coal.

**Government members** interjected.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** Clean and green coal—I will say it again!

**Mr Hinchliffe** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Pause the clock. Leader of the House, we do not need your interjections or you will be warned. Government members, I would urge you to allow the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to speak in silence.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** We understand that our Queensland coal, which is clean and green, has lower emissions.

**Mr Langbroek:** It's better than Victoria's.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** Absolutely. Our coal is way better than Victoria's. It is good to see the LNP's interest in this project. That is why the member for Southern Downs, who is fair dinkum about jobs and development in Queensland, went to India and looked at the benefits this project will bring to Queensland. It was absolutely fantastic. It was all systems go for this Carmichael mine when we left government 14 months ago and unfortunately as we sit here tonight still nothing is happening.