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Climate Change

 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algeria—ALP) (Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts) (10.08 am): Climate change is the most significant challenge facing our generation. Last week the UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, wrote to Paris Agreement signatories, including Australia, to urge countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 45 per cent over the next decade and to net zero by 2050.

Unsurprisingly, the Morrison government has stuck with the old targets of 26 to 28 per cent by 2030, which is clearly inadequate to meet the current challenge. In addition, the LNP federal government has made it clear that they plan to reach that inadequate target by relying on carryover credits from the Kyoto Protocol. Using Kyoto credits is, quite frankly, fake action on climate change. The only other country in the world to confirm they will do the same is the Ukraine. All states and territories have been calling for national leadership on this matter, and this week federal Labor has shown how it is done. Queensland has recently seen unprecedented fires, floods and cyclones, and scientists tell us that these are the direct result of a changing climate.

The Palaszczuk government is committed to strong targets around climate adaptation. Yesterday I announced that this year our government will host Queensland's first ever Climate Week. During the week of 2 June the Palaszczuk government will host former US vice-president Al Gore, who will deliver leadership training for business and community leaders from across Australia and the Asia-Pacific region. To align with that exciting event, the Queensland government will also bring together state and territory governments from across Australia for a climate action round table as well as subnational and small island state governments from across the Asia-Pacific region. In recognition of the long-held connection of first nations people to this country and the important knowledge they hold when it comes to climate and managing the land, we will also be supporting a first nation climate forum. Climate Week will also present an opportunity to harness and channel the enthusiasm of school students and bring the hopes and ideas of young Queenslanders into meaningful conversations. Now is the time to come together and show leadership with regard to action on climate change.