




Speech By
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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (3.56 pm): I cannot resist making a contribution. We have seen a litany of opposition members trot out the usual lines: code for privatisation, price gouging and all that sort of nonsense. If honourable members go to the electorate of Angus Taylor or Michael McCormack where there is a privatised power market, they will pay \$900,000 a year more. It is as simple as that. The ideological obsession that the LNP has against public ownership has been on display for the last 45 minutes for all to see.

I just mark this point and it would be remiss of me if I did not. We heard most of those opposite talking in this chamber and trying to allege that power prices are going up by astronomical amounts under this government, but the contribution of the member for Burleigh was particularly noteworthy. He actually said during this debate that prices were falling. I look forward to us responding to inquiries on this particular matter when their own energy shadow spokesperson has said on the parliamentary record that power prices are falling in Queensland. It is probably the most sensible thing I have ever heard him say in this chamber. It is noteworthy to mark the spot on that basis alone. It is not too often I agree with the member for Burleigh. Maybe it is an important time to mark that in the chamber and on the parliamentary record. We look forward to referring back to his comments many times in the future.