




Speech By
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 **Mr HART** (Burleigh—LNP) (3.42 pm): That was ‘Labornomics’ in full flight. This from a minister who yesterday thought the sun shines for 24 hours a day! Let us look at what they in fact did with electricity bills. Even some government members were complaining about electricity bills. At the moment, I understand the member for Mount Ommaney is very upset with her bill.

Ms PUGH: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The member is misrepresenting what I said about my little sister having hot showers.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order! I will have silence while the point of order is being taken. Can the member please restart the point of order?

Ms PUGH: Yes. I am offended by the member’s comments because I was speaking about—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, I do not want an explanation. Is the member offended by the comments?

Ms PUGH: Absolutely.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Would you like them to be withdrawn?

Ms PUGH: Absolutely.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Okay. The member is offended by your comments.

Mr HART: I withdraw, Mr Deputy Speaker. I walked straight into that one, didn’t I?

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Burleigh, I do not need your commentary while we are dealing with a point of order.

Mr HART: We saw that the government’s big plan two years ago in terms of future electricity was a clean energy hub. We saw nothing much happen about that until Townsville this week. Yesterday we heard that they will spend \$132 million building a transmission line to a generator—because a generator will be there, but if there were no transmission line they were going to have a little problem getting that electricity away and back to the NEM. That could have been a big problem for—

Mrs Frecklington: Oops!

Mr HART: Yes, I take that interjection from the Leader of the Opposition. Then we had the Renewables 400 reverse auction that sat for two years. Hundreds of companies came forward saying they would like to get involved. The government did not respond to those people, and those people moved on. Luckily, they found a few still able to get involved with the Renewables 400 reverse auction. Surprisingly, that is now moving ahead 12 months out from—what is it?—an election.

Then of course we have transitional electricity prices for our irrigators, due after 10 years of being in transition, becoming obsolete on 30 June next year—a massive increase for our farmers. The government thought they had fixed that. How did they fix it? They deferred it for 12 months. They kicked it into the long grass for 12 months so it would be past election time. I put to members that there is nothing suss about that whatsoever!

I move to other broken promises. The Minister for Housing and Public Works told our subbies that they would be paid on time every time, but that just has not happened. There was the announcement of project bank accounts. We had a trial period. A report was provided to the minister, but it has disappeared into the long grass as well. Those project bank accounts were supposed to move to private jobs on 1 January this year. Then it was pushed back to 1 March this year, then to sometime later in 2019. We do not now know when it will be, but subbies still are not being paid. This government has completely failed them. The joint task force looked at building fraud. That has been given to the minister. He is sitting on that report as well. It would be very interesting to see what comes out of that with regard to some of the builders in Queensland. I hope that the minister will eventually report to parliament about what will happen in that respect. Over four years the minister failed to fix plumbing laws that cost 5,000 plumbers their licences.

I remind members that the Labor Party has been in government now for five years. It is no good trying to blame us anymore. They have to move on. These are all issues that they created. In Townsville in terms of the Aitkenvale youth foyer, a five-storey building in the middle of town, the minister arrived in the middle of the night, snuck around the place and did not bother talking to the locals. The locals were very upset about it. The member for Glass House and I went out there. We talked to 30 or 40 locals. What happened? It has moved. We need a royal commission into the building industry. There is no doubt about that. In the near future, certifiers insurance will cause a massive issue in the building industry. Presently, certifiers cannot get insurance. If they can get insurance, its cost has gone through the roof. That means that builders cannot get in that person to certify their work. This will be a major issue.

Let us talk quickly about helicopters, because we do not need a Tiger gunship as a police helicopter. We just need a platform that a police officer can sit in and operate from.

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