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 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (6.03 pm): I would like to take some time tonight to update the House on what the Palaszczuk Labor government is doing to power our future in Greenslopes. The future of electricity in Greenslopes is cleaner and it is cheaper. I am the treasurer of the Coorparoo School of Arts and Memorial Hall Association and I was extremely pleased to receive our latest bill which was, in fact, a credit thanks to the rebate we had received. For three months of this year we have lost income due to the COVID shutdown. Every dollar counts. This rebate has been of great assistance to our association. Many constituents are telling me how pleased they are to see the rebates applied to their bills.

There are so many other initiatives that we have undertaken to make power cheaper in the electorate of Greenslopes, things like the rebates for energy efficient appliances, the solar for renters scheme, the battery schemes, the pensioner rebate scheme and we should not forget that network costs have also been driven down by 10 per cent. Underpinning all of this, of course, is the fact that we own the assets that generate electricity—all delivered by the Palaszczuk Labor government.

However, in the electorate of Greenslopes people do not just want cheaper energy, they want cleaner energy. I was pleased to take some time out to visit some clean energy projects in South-East Queensland. I was really pleased to be shown around the Wivenhoe pumped hydro scheme by Maia Schweizer, the CEO of CleanCo. That has now become a part of the daily clean energy mix in Queensland. One of the things Maia said stuck with me. She said our government should be really proud of CleanCo because there is nothing like it in the world. We also then went on and visited Coopers Gap Wind Farm and Oakey 1 Solar Farm.

These projects were not there two years ago when I last drove through this area. They are there because of private sector investment creating energy and jobs. They are doing that because of the confidence they have which has been instilled by the fact that the Palaszczuk Labor government believes in clean energy and backs clean energy. That is how we are powering our future in Greenslopes. It is a future that is cleaner, it is a future that is cheaper, and that is what people in Greenslopes tell me they want. Only Labor can deliver these things.

I take this opportunity to wish the Holland Park Meals on Wheels a very happy 50th birthday, a milestone they achieved on Monday. They have been delivering not just meals, but so much more, in our community for the last 50 years and I have had the great pleasure of volunteering for them on many, many occasions over the last 10 years. They are a great organisation. As a nurse I have seen it has enhanced our ability to get patients out of hospitals quicker and into their homes. They do so much good work. Thanks to all the volunteers and all the paid staff and happy 50th birthday, Holland Park Meals on Wheels.