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### **FOREST WIND FARM DEVELOPMENT BILL**

 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (2.05 pm): I support the Forest Wind Farm Development Bill. It is an important part of the transition to a clean energy future. Recently at a community forum I was asked if I had a vision for large-scale renewable and clean energy projects in Queensland. I said, 'I don't really have a vision. What I've got is hindsight. I've got hindsight because we've already done it.' We have already done it, we are already delivering it and there is more on the way, and this is an important part of that.

We heard the whinging and the whining from the Greens party, which does not have vision and which does not have hindsight. I think it should change its name to the 'I'm gunna party', because all it does is come in here with no vision and no hindsight but fantasies about what it is going to do: 'We're gunna do this. We're gunna do that. We're gunna do the rest.' We are doing it. Not only are we delivering clean energy; we are delivering cheap energy, and that drives those on the other side of the House absolutely crazy. This is an important step forward, just like CleanCo is an important step forward. I am proud to be part of a government that is the only government in the world that has a fully clean energy generation company.

The Forest Wind farm is a private sector delivered project, and that is what this bill is facilitating. We have to ask ourselves why it is being facilitated. There are a whole range of reasons. The No. 1 reason most importantly is that on this side of the House 100 per cent of the members believe that climate change is real and believe that climate change requires real action. That is not the case on the other side of the House. Just yesterday we heard some of the great work from the member for Callide, who has made many great statements in this House about his views on climate change which are shared by some of the more extreme and weird people whom you will meet on social media.

**Ms Grace:** He crossed the floor too, didn't he?

**Mr KELLY:** I think he did cross the floor. We believe in climate change, and that is what is driving our future energy policies. We are also backing them which is giving the private sector the confidence and the certainty that it needs to make these large, long-term investments. Not only that, we have invested in the transmission, because there is not much point producing electricity if you cannot get it to where it needs to go. We should be very proud of the investments that we have made in transmission. That is why the private sector is investing in projects like the Forest Wind farm. Again, if we turn to our friends in the 'we're gunna party'—the 'we're gunna' Greens—the reality is they do not want anybody from the private sector investing in clean energy. We have invested in public sector clean energy projects and we have created the certainty to deliver even more renewable and clean energy via the private sector. I do not know why anybody who claims to be concerned about climate change or the environment would not want the private sector investing in clean energy and getting even more clean energy into our system.

I also want to turn to a part of this bill that I think is really important, and that is the number of jobs being created by this bill. Our government is focused on jobs. We have been through significant lockdown periods which have had considerable economic impacts on people. Why have we done that? We did that on the advice of experts to keep people safe. It has come at a cost.

Every single job that we can support, in either the private or the public sector, is important. That seems to have been recognised by the councillors in the local area. It seems to be recognised and supported by the environmental groups. Timber Queensland seems to have no objection to this particular project. This project is delivering clean energy and it is delivering jobs, which is what we desperately need as we move forward. This project is an important part of powering our future. It is a future that is clean and it is a future that is cheap. I commend the bill to the House.