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Climate Change

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment) (11.24 am): In this debate, the Leader of the Opposition had one job and one job only: does he support zero net emissions or not? What we got, to paraphrase Dennis Atkins in Queensland, was autobabble on autopilot. That is all we got from the Leader of the Opposition. I say this about the Palaszczuk Labor government: we are proud of our commitment to deliver net zero emissions by 2050. Almost one year ago that position was endorsed by the people of Queensland at the 2020 election, because in our sunrise state Queenslanders are optimistic about the new dawns ahead. Sunshine is on Queensland's side and the winds of change are blowing in our direction. Our government's \$3.34 billion Queensland Jobs Fund will provide cheaper, cleaner energy and it will provide more jobs in more industries and it will supercharge our resources sector and drive our government's commitment to net zero.

Labor is the only party of government committed to net zero emissions by 2050. Our commitment aligns with national sentiment, the international community and with scientific consensus. In contrast, the Morrison government has failed the nation. Prime Minister Scott Morrison is an outcast on the international stage. Scott Morrison refuses to commit to net zero, risking Australia's future and risking Australian jobs—threatening jobs in traditional and emerging industries, threatening jobs in Queensland and threatening jobs across the nation, and the state LNP is absolutely no different. The Queensland LNP is prepared to sacrifice Queensland jobs at the altar of its climate culture war. People like the Leader of the Opposition say when they are prompted that they believe in the science, but that really is an inconvenient truth for the member for Broadwater—a flexible belief that changes depending on the audience he speaks to. Not three months ago the member for Broadwater stood in the Queensland Media Club and he backed away from zero net emissions by 2050. When the time came to stand up for Queenslanders, he fell right back into party line. The member for Broadwater promised new leadership but, as everyone in this House knows, it is the same old LNP.

Net zero by 2050: that is our position. That is the world's position, but the LNP has been left behind. For every member like the member for Broadwater there is a climate change denier like the member for Callide, who claims that 'the fantasy of renewables is holding us back'. As world temperatures break records around the globe, he is stuck in the ice age. It really is the dawn of the dinosaurs in the LNP. There is one party that will deliver that and one government that will deliver that in Queensland, and that is the Palaszczuk Labor government.