




Speech By
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MOTION

Climate Change

 **Mr WHITING** (Bancroft—ALP) (12.11 pm): I am proud to rise in support of this motion to support the march of this state and this government towards zero emissions. It is one of the most important things we need to do. I am one of the members in this parliament who represent a seaside community. There are many of us.

Ms Boyd: Seaside?

Mr WHITING: A seaside community indeed. For those of us who do have residents in close proximity to the ocean, it is incumbent on us to speak about what we need to do to counteract the effects of climate change. It poses a threat to our infrastructure. It poses a threat to our houses and our house values. It is hugely important to think about what we will face in future years with the potential inundation of our assets.

I say to a lot of members opposite—those members who represent the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast communities: this is an important issue that is playing on the minds of your constituents. Where does the future lie in these communities in an era when we face many effects and one of them is rising sea levels? I say to members opposite who represent those communities: listen to what your residents want. It is a real issue for them and it does play on their minds.

We have heard today that our march towards zero emissions does make great economic sense. We heard the Deputy Premier today, in answer to a question from me, say that embracing renewable energy will lead to an \$890 billion boost to our national economy and 195,000 jobs will be generated or boosted. We have also heard this week about how we are creating the hydrogen industry—one of the great frontiers of renewable energy. Queensland is at the forefront of that. We will reap the benefits of this movement towards renewable energy and zero emissions. It makes great economic sense to move down this path to reduce emissions.

I appeal once again to the LNP to follow us on this path because it is one of the only ways that we can make sure we deliver a secure economic future for our children. In appealing to the LNP, we have known what has been coming for many years. They have exploited this issue in terms of—

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