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MOTION

Climate Change

 **Hon. G GRACE** (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing) (11.37 am): I rise to support the motion in support of our net zero emissions target by 2050. We have had three speakers from the opposition and not one of them could even bring themselves to say 'zero emissions target by 2050' let alone get behind what the world is talking about just weeks away in Glasgow. It is time to get serious about net zero emissions by 2050. Queensland is on board, as is New South Wales, Victoria, WA, South Australia, Tasmania which is already at net zero, the ACT and the NT. Every state and territory is on board. I cannot even mention all the business groups that are on board. That just leaves one major government out on a limb and that is the federal government. On the eve of Glasgow the National Party are having a fight with the Liberal Party on the world stage about supporting what we are discussing at Glasgow. It is embarrassing for Australians that their government is being dragged kicking and screaming every step of the way.

This motion is pretty clear. I have not heard one speaker from the other side get up and say they are going to support the motion. One has to question what those opposite stand for both at a federal level and at a state level. Do they stand for net zero emissions by 2050? We do not know. We know that they are very anti union and anti legislation—this House has seen motion after motion on those issues—but they are very pro fake unions, those unions that are not registered and those that are obviously aided and abetted by the LNP.

What we would like to know is exactly what those opposite stand for in this House. This morning I woke to see a news article in which Prince Charles was interviewed. I can tell all the monarchists opposite, and I look at the member for Kawana, that even Prince Charles is on board. He said that the Prime Minister of Australia should go to Glasgow. He is also a champion for zero emissions by 2050. Even Prince Charles can bring himself to stand for something when it comes to global change.

This is about the jobs of the future. This is about the renewable energy that will come with the jobs of the future. The minister outlined the programs and targets that we have in relation to this issue. This is about training our young people for the jobs of the future. We have a training fund to do that in Gladstone. We are embarking upon a renewable strategy. We are not backing the stagecoach when cars are being manufactured. Those opposite should stand for something and back this motion.