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Consideration in Detail (Cognate Debate)

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Transport and Resources Committee, Report

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (6.25 pm): I rise in support of the Transport and Resources Committee report of the 2020-21 budget estimates of the 57th Parliament. Continuing to provide Queensland homes and businesses with an affordable, clean and reliable energy supply underpins our economic plan for a post-COVID recovery, and that is what this budget continues to do. Our government has already supported over 7,000 renewable energy jobs and over \$8.5 billion in renewable investment that has increased our generation capacity by more than 4,600 megawatts of clean energy. Renewables currently make up over 20 per cent of our energy mix, and we are well on the way to meeting or exceeding our 50 per cent renewable energy target by 2030.

Queenslanders now own their first new renewable energy generation in 20 years, with our publicly owned CleanCo building a new wind farm near Warwick as part of a precinct that will create over 400 jobs and supply up to nearly 700,000 homes. CleanCo has also given certainty to Australia's largest solar farm, to be built near Chinchilla, creating up to 400 jobs and 400 megawatts of renewables, as well as a \$380 million wind farm in Far North Queensland which is going to create an additional 150 jobs.

Our commitment to renewable energy is delivering locally right across the state, with our meteoric solar PV take-up, our growing electric vehicle superhighway charging stations and putting solar on our schools. Since 2015, the Palaszczuk Labor government has proudly been putting downward pressure on power prices right across our great state by backing renewables. I commend the report to the House.