



Speech By  
**Lance McCallum**


**MEMBER FOR BUNDAMBA**

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**MOTION**

**Palaszczuk Labor Government, Performance**

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (5.38 pm): I rise to oppose the motion. Queensland is accelerating rapidly towards our 50 per cent renewable energy target. We are already generating 20 per cent of our power from renewables. Since 2015 our policies have turned our state's energy investment on its head, transforming Queensland from the LNP's zero dollar, zero megawatt, zero jobs renewables vacuum to an \$8.5 billion and 7,000-job energy investment powerhouse. What that looks like today is clean electricity coming from around 33 operational large-scale wind and solar projects and already 11 other projects are either committed or under construction.

To power the next phase of our renewables boom we have committed \$145 million to unlock three renewable energy zones and to build the transmission infrastructure to support renewables development in north, central and southern Queensland. We have been flooded with expressions of interest to generate projects worth around 60,000 megawatts of clean energy and with the combined capacity to power the nation. Those projects would support more than \$93.7 billion in investment if all are developed. It would mean 192 projects that will charge up our state's economic recovery, creating up to 57,000 jobs in the process.

It is not just generation that is powering up. Since 2015 we have invested billions of dollars in transmission and distribution infrastructure that delivers cleaner and cheaper electricity. In this financial year alone our publicly owned electricity companies will invest more than \$1.76 billion in capital works in 2021, supporting up to 3,920 jobs. We have also invested \$500 million into the Queensland Renewable Energy Fund. That means our publicly owned energy corporations can increase public ownership of renewable energy projects and supporting infrastructure—

**Mr MINNIKIN:** Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order in relation to relevance. This is in relation to a housing motion and has nothing to do with renewables. I seek your guidance, please.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Kelly): Item 1(c) refers to infrastructure. I find the member is being relevant to the motion.

**Mr McCALLUM:** This means our publicly owned energy corporations can increase public ownership of renewable energy projects and supporting infrastructure to the tune of half a billion dollars, ensuring that Queenslanders directly own a slice of our renewable energy future with an ongoing cheap clean reliable and public power supply while supporting essential jobs growth.

By 2030 we will have built a fully operational transport and export hub, exporting renewable hydrogen to our global trading partners. One of our key strengths and competitive advantages is our publicly owned ports from which to export hydrogen. In the last financial year alone our publicly owned ports shipped 305 million tonnes of commodities and last year Gladstone overtook Qatar as the largest exporter of LNG in the world. We have recently entered into MOUs with key trading partners in Japan

to export renewable hydrogen from Gladstone and Townsville. In Townsville alone we have invested \$193 million to upgrade the port channel, \$40 million for a berth upgrade and \$48 million for an intermodal facility to ensure that the port remains a premier gateway for Queensland.

Our publicly owned infrastructure, which would have been sold off by those opposite when they were in government—if we want to talk about infrastructure, they would have sold it all—will be at the forefront of Queensland's future prosperity, delivering jobs and economic growth by being a critical part of our future hydrogen industry supply chain.

In last night's budget the Morrison government duded Queensland out of its fair share of federally funded infrastructure to deliver sustainable low-emissions energy, support industry, attract more investment and develop new industries such as renewable hydrogen and manufacturing. In fact, the federal member for Hinkler has actively worked to kill renewable infrastructure investment and jobs in Queensland. The federal member for Hinkler intervened to veto a loan from the North Australia Infrastructure Facility for a wind and battery storage hub in North Queensland. That is what the LNP stands for: actively killing renewables and killing regional jobs in Queensland.

Under Labor we have led the country with our renewables revolution and we also continue to do the heavy lifting for Queensland communities. All in all, it is clear: the Morrison government and the LNP Queensland opposition have failed Queensland and failed the Queensland energy sector. I oppose the motion.