



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR BUNDAMBA**

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**MOTION**

**Climate Change**

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (11.49 am): We are committed to more jobs through cleaner, cheaper energy here in Queensland, and that is being driven by our commitment to 50 per cent renewable energy by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2050. In 2015, after the LNP had cut off the renewable energy industry in Queensland at its knees, we came to government facing a very low base, sadly. We now have over 44 large-scale renewable projects. They represent over \$8 billion in investment and have delivered over 7,000 jobs, the vast majority of those in regional Queensland. We have over 20 per cent renewables here, and we are well on our way to 50 per cent renewable energy. That is also driving down power prices for our homes and our businesses.

The member for Condamine asks how we are going to get there. We are on the way, with \$8 billion in investment, 7,000 jobs, well over 20 per cent renewable energy and lower power prices. All of this has been driven by our 50 per cent renewable energy target.

Let's go through the 'greatest hits' in terms of the LNP's views on our renewable energy target here in Queensland. In debate of a motion in October 2017 the member for Burleigh said—

It is only those opposite who do not understand that their ideologically driven 50 per cent renewable energy target will have a detrimental effect on Queensland families, businesses and industry.

The evidence is in and, clearly, it has been the exact opposite. The member for Beaudesert in the same debate said—

The Labor Party should scrap the 50 per cent renewable energy target.

Scrap \$8 billion in investment. Scrap 44 large-scale projects. Scrap lower prices. The member for Nanango said the next day to social media followers that she—

... spoke in Parliament to condemn the Palaszczuk Government's reckless rush for 50% renewable energy.

That is a rush for more jobs, lower prices and more investment here in Queensland.

When it comes to the federal government, not only can Scott Morrison not commit to net zero; like the state LNP, they have a zero per cent renewable energy target. That is an absolute disgrace as we head into the Glasgow conference.