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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (12.02 pm): We have had a great opportunity today for the Leader of the Opposition to tell us his position. What we see is even the coalition federal government, which has road blocked action on climate change for eight long years, crab walking to try to cobble something together because there is a federal election coming. We could have had a position from the Leader of the Opposition, but he squibbed it. He dodged like Manny Pacquiao in this debate. He did not have a word of substance to say. He could have come out and supported this, but did not say so. This is a weak leader of the LNP who stands for nothing when it comes to this.

Spare me the lectures from the LNP about their record on the environment. They have bagged our renewable energy target religiously over the last six years. The member for Clayfield was promising more coal-fired power stations. One member even said that plants will die. We know that those opposite did not allow one large-scale renewable energy project to happen in the entire three years of the Newman government. They blocked it. They used public assets to stop it from happening.

We have 44 either built or fully financed and closed under this government because we are committed to acting on climate change and we have had a policy of net zero for the last four years as well as a renewable energy target for the last six years. Net zero is in this government's DNA. We have acted on climate change and protecting the environment from day one. Our tree-clearing laws were empathetically and passionately opposed by those opposite. We even had the member for Maiwar moving amendments to water down our tough tree-clearing laws. Do not give me some lecture from the Greens party, which voted against an emissions trading scheme and precipitated a decade of division.

Mr Berkman interjected.

Mr BAILEY: The member for Maiwar moved an amendment in this place to water down Labor's tough tree-clearing laws. Lectures from the Greens party are all talk and no action. I will not tolerate it.

What we saw was the Leader of the Opposition going for the doona. We know his record on the doona. He bagged us on our—

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Hart): Pause the clock! Minister, resume your seat. Member for Maiwar, your interjections are not being taken. They will cease.

Mr BAILEY: The Leader of the Opposition is all show and no go. When he is on the spot he does not know what to do. He is another failed leader just like the others those opposite have been putting up over the last 6½ years. Whether it is Campbell Newman, the member for Clayfield or the member for Nanango, what we see is an LNP that is not supportive of net zero. I note that they are not even going to legislate for it. A report in the *Financial Review* says that Morrison will not legislate his net zero agreement but instead will present an agreed road map. They are not even serious about it at a federal level and they are not serious about it at a state level.