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**PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT**

**Energy and Jobs Plan**

 **Mrs MULLEN** (Jordan—ALP) (2.03 pm): The Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan means a future of clean, reliable and affordable energy. It will power good jobs and new industries and its benefits will be felt across our vast state. It delivers security on two fronts: electricity reliability and job security for workers. Since its release, there has been a long line of leading voices welcoming the government's Energy and Jobs Plan and our vision for a clean energy future. The Clean Energy Council said—

This plan will put Queensland in front of the game as far as becoming a global leader in clean energy transformation.

The Queensland Resources Council supports the transition to a lower emissions future and the vision to be an energy superpower. The Chamber of Commerce & Industry Queensland said the plan would 'support our businesses' and community's viability and create opportunities now and into the future'. The Australian Energy Council calls it a significant reform and WWF said it is a once-in-a-century investment for a global renewable energy superpower.

There is one group that has been fairly silent on our Energy and Jobs Plan and that is the LNP opposition. I have certainly searched. I googled 'Energy and Jobs Plan LNP', Energy and Jobs Plan Crisafulli', Energy and Jobs Plan LNP are you out there' and not much emerged. I did manage to find a vague statement from the shadow minister for energy, who was quoted as saying, 'Queenslanders would still have a few questions to ask.' Great! I certainly have not seen those questions asked here in this chamber. Those opposite have been too busy asking the health minister to intervene and make clinical decisions in our hospitals and call regional health workers 'duds'. I still have questions about the 'fake Bradfield' scheme and the 'LNP road trip to nowhere on the Bruce Highway' upgrade debacle, but no-one is answering those.

Meanwhile, it was time to broaden my search to 'renewables and LNP' and I struck gold, starting with Senator Gerard Rennick—wow, could not find a frozen lamppost he has not licked! You need to navigate your way through a lot—and I mean a lot—of anti-vaccination posts before you find these jewels. He said, 'A whopping 1,200 billion insects are being smashed to pieces by the wind turbine blades every year ... won't someone think of our food supply?' What? He also said 'too much money has been invested in wind and solar' and 'climate change is junk science'. I had to stop reading after that because I needed a shower.

We then have Senator Matt Canavan, who seems to be doing a side gig for the nuclear energy lobby, who also shared some interesting thoughts. He said, 'Climate change has not weakened our national security but climate change policies have,' and, 'Renewables are the dole bludgers of the energy system'. Wow, inspired! When I think of bludgers, I could not help but find the latest from the former member for Callide, now the federal member for Flynn, who made another stunning first speech in the federal parliament rejecting that climate change is man-made and declaring hydrogen as 'extremely dangerous' and 'extremely flammable'. Wow! If members of the opposition do not fill the silence they will soon find it filled by the likes of Rennick, Canavan and Boyce, but maybe that suits them just fine.