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PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT

Energy and Jobs Plan

 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (2.58 pm): Like all members on this side of the House, I have been speaking to people in my community about the Palaszczuk Labor government's Energy and Jobs Plan. I have been talking to them at the bus stops. I have been talking to them at the P&Cs. I have been talking to them at community events.

Ms Grace: At the markets.

Mr KELLY: That is right. I have been talking to them on their doorsteps. I have been talking to them at the Stones Corner parkrun. They are stopping me in the shops. They are stopping me when I am out doing my chores. Guess what they are telling me? They are telling me that they love it—they absolutely love it. Why do they love it? They love it because it is delivering three key things that the people in my electorate want. It is delivering clean energy, cheap energy and jobs. They love the SuperGrid and they want to see more pumped hydro. Our plan to build more batteries and more renewable energy is even easier to sell than the free fairy floss I give out at the Queensland Day Family Fun Day I run with the Seville Road State School every year. This plan is possible because we have been working on this for seven years.

First, we acknowledge that climate change is real and we need to take action. Energy is one of the key areas that we have been taking action on, but we have been doing it in other areas as well. This is not something those on that side of the House do. They do not acknowledge that climate change is real. Secondly, we have set targets and we have based our policies on these targets. That sends a message to investors that the Queensland government is serious about the shift to clean energy. Third, we established CleanCo, the world's first clean energy company, and it is in public ownership. Fourth, we directly invested in clean energy projects. There is a fifth, sixth and seventh, but I am running out of time, including: ACEs in schools and the Ukrainian club received a Community Sustainability Grant. I could go on and on.

That is how we went from seven per cent renewable energy in 2015 to 21 per cent in 2022. We had to do that against a backdrop of the Abbott and Morrison governments trying to undermine everything the Palaszczuk government tried to do. Thankfully, we now have an Albanese government which passed climate action legislation, setting firm targets and developing a plan to reach them. Isn't it nice to have representatives of our country at COP27 who believe in taking action on climate change and have not headed over there to lecture other countries. Our old mate Dutton has weighed into the debate in spectacular fashion. He is demonstrating with great gusto that he is at one with the zeitgeist, putting his views out there on nuclear energy. What this really says is that he is incapable of standing up to the new member for Flynn, the former member for Callide.

When you come to Greenslopes and talk to people, they will tell you that they absolutely love the Energy and Jobs Plan. They love it because it is delivering clean energy, cheap energy and jobs.