




Speech By
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Federal Morrison Government

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (5.36 pm): Queenslanders do deserve their fair share from the federal government. They have not been getting it from the Morrison LNP government. We have not been getting it when it comes to health. We have not been getting it when it comes to renewable energy. Here in Queensland we have a renewable energy boom. We have over 50 large-scale projects which represent over \$10.7 billion of investment, delivering 7,900 jobs, mostly in regional areas, and over 5,000 megawatts of clean, cheap renewable energy to Queensland homes and businesses. Combined with rooftop solar, we have more than 7,200 megawatts of renewable capacity which is putting downward pressure on electricity prices. What we do not have here in Queensland is any support whatsoever from the federal Morrison government when it comes to investing in renewable energy. They have not been able to sign a bilateral agreement. Is it any wonder that we have no support whatsoever? They have had 22 goes at a national energy policy and botched every single one of them.

The former member for Callide has left this place and is running for the seat of Flynn. The Prime Minister and the LNP have had a moment of clarity. After being anti-renewables for so long, backed up by the LNP here in this place, they have had a moment of clarity and all of a sudden they believe in net zero. The only problem is that the candidate for Flynn, along with Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce and Senator Matt Canavan, does not believe in it.

The LNP are riven when it comes to energy policy. They always have been and they absolutely always will be. However, there is a choice. There is a very clear and stark choice when it comes to this election. A federal Labor Albanese government will offer a plan for over 604,000 secure jobs with good wages in the energy industry, investing in 10,000 new energy apprentices, committing to rebuild and upgrade the failing electricity grid that we need in places like New South Wales and Victoria so we can export our renewable energy, making electric vehicles cheaper and more accessible with incentives and allocating up to \$3 billion to invest in green metals, steel, alumina and aluminium.

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