



Speech By  
**Deb Frecklington**


**MEMBER FOR NANANGO**

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**TRANSPORT AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Report, Motion to Take Note**

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (3.52 pm): It gives me pleasure to follow the former assistant minister for hydrogen development and the 50 per cent renewable energy target by 2030. That has gone—gonski! Now the member for Bundamba has no hydrogen and no renewable targets in his title. What happened? What has happened to the Palaszczuk government? The member has obviously just stood up and spoken about a topic about which it is clear he has no on-the-ground comprehension of what is going on. No wonder the member has lost those titles! Why has the Palaszczuk government got rid of hydrogen? Why has it got rid of the 'renewable' title—

**Ms RICHARDS:** Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order on relevance to the committee report before the House.

**Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Ms Lui): I will take some advice. You have the call, member for Nanango.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** In relation to this report, first of all I acknowledge and appreciate the work that the Auditor-General and the Queensland Audit Office do. Unfortunately, there are some issues that are completely missing from this quite old report now from 25 November 2021 and which we are only just debating in August 2023. I want to talk about one of the issues that this report has missed, and that is referred to as social licence. After listening to the contribution by the member for Bundamba—the guy who has lost those titles—he said that everything is okay when it comes to prime agricultural land and farmers because we have a document that the government worked on with the Queensland Farmers' Federation. Yes, we do have a document and we appreciate the Queensland Farmers' Federation and the work that it tries to do all of the time to get through to the Palaszczuk government about the impacts.

I take members back to 2010 and 2011 when the then Anna Bligh government was dealing with the CSG issue around the state. What is happening now in the electorate of Nanango and many electorates that are smack bang in the middle of the Palaszczuk government's renewable energy zone—and the electorate of Nanango is right in the middle of that—is that people feel like it is those days back in 2010 and 2011 when the former Bligh government was dealing with CSG and the transmission in social licence then. When we look at the renewable energy target that is placed upon the landholders who are going to be hosting these solar farms or wind farms, it feels very much like the impost on landholders that was happening around CSG. What the former LNP government did straightaway in 2012 as soon as we got in was we formed the GasFields Commission and then that process went very well.

**An honourable member** interjected.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** I would challenge that member who said that to talk about the GasFields Commission. I will disclose that, yes, my father was on that GasFields Commission, appointed by the Labor minister to be on that GasFields Commission because the former Labor minister understood landholder access, understood to communicate with people on the ground and understood their issues. I give a massive shout-out to the former chairman John Cotter and to people like Shane Charles and my father, Don Stiller, who led the way in that GasFields Commission because, again, they were appointed by the Labor government to deal with those issues. Since those days of that minister, what do we see? We see a government that is riding roughshod over our local communities. It is once again bulldozing in and its members are thinking while sitting in their electorates in inner-city Brisbane that everything is okay because it is not in their backyard.

**Mr Head** interjected.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** I take the comments from the member for Callide: the 'not in my backyard' comments. Everyone wants to talk about renewable energy. Yes, member for Bundamba: we do support renewable energy. It was the former conservative government that put in the first pumped hydro. When the member for Toowoomba North talks about stored pumped hydro, yes: it is called Wivenhoe and it is in my electorate. I have toured it many times. It was thanks to a conservative government back in the eighties that brought that in. Three decades later with a Labor government and what do we see? We see a hoax. All we see is an announcement—all talk and no money in the budget. It is simply unbelievable that this government thinks that it knows the best way forward but yet it does not even put any money in the budget. That is what a hoax is. When it comes to this report, we obviously need the Audit Office to look again at the transition so that the landholders who will be and are being impacted are brought along for the journey.