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GAS SUPPLY AND OTHER LEGISLATION (HYDROGEN INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT) AMENDMENT BILL

 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (4.43 pm): It was wonderful to have a step through the history books and learn about the Condamine-Maiwar alliance that has been long hidden in the state of Queensland. We look forward to bringing more of that to the attention of the Queensland people. Don't worry, member for Gympie. They are going to be preferencing you at the next election because they are going to be keen to get rid of you, mate. When that gets out there, you will be gone.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Hart): Pause the clock. Member for Greenslopes, hydrogen.

Mr KELLY: Of course. I support the Gas Supply and Other Legislation (Hydrogen Industry Development) Amendment Bill 2023. Do members know what I like about this bill? It shows just how the Palaszczuk government's Energy and Jobs Plan and Climate Action Plan are making a real difference as they roll out. This bill is setting up Queensland to be a leader in the energy industry of the future. It builds on all of that great work we are doing in the wind area, the solar area and battery storage. In fact, earlier this year I spent two days on the Big Walk walking through the Coopers Gas Wind Farm and I saw firsthand the fantastic work that the Energy and Jobs Plan is rolling out there.

The other thing this bill demonstrates is that we could not find a more stark contrast in an area of policy between our government and those opposite. Our government actually believes in man-made climate change and believes in taking action—such as the action being taken in this bill to deal with climate change—while those opposite continue to play their fairly weird games of policy three-card monte, which is that weird game where they try to get you to look at one thing but you have to look somewhere else to see the real thing. The Leader of the Opposition would have us believe that perhaps he believes in climate change—

Mr O'Connor interjected.

Mr KELLY: Don't worry, member for Bonney. You will get a go.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Direct your comments through the chair, please, member for Greenslopes.

Mr KELLY: We only have to read the member for Callide's first speech to see what those opposite really believe when it comes to climate change and the policy positions they would put forward. The Leader of the Opposition is out there saying one thing, but then when we listen to his federal counterparts we hear that, much like the member for Hill, they are great fans of nuclear. They are not doing what the Palaszczuk Labor government are doing, which is rolling up their sleeves and rolling out a renewable energy future—getting into hydrogen and getting into all those energy sources of the future.

This bill recognises the importance of getting the policy settings right to support the development of the hydrogen industry in Queensland. As I have travelled around the world I have seen that the world is moving and transitioning very rapidly in this space. As you are aware, Mr Deputy Speaker, we were

privileged to have some discussions around this in Taiwan earlier this year, and that is certainly mirrored by what we are seeing in Japan, Korea, Europe and North America, where people are moving rapidly in this area. It is the Palaszczuk Labor government that is rolling out a bill of this nature which is making it easier for us to move in the transition to a hydrogen future which will do a lot to deal with climate change.

It was just over 12 to 18 months ago that I was once again cleaning up after another one-in-100-year flood in my electorate. I was helping those people who had been flooded just a few years beforehand and were again facing another one-in-100-year flood event. The people on the ground in my electorate know that climate change is having a real impact. I will be the first to say that the impacts in my electorate are pretty minor compared to some of our neighbouring electorates. I know that in the electorates of Bulimba and Miller significantly more people are impacted when there is flooding, but the people who live in my community know that we have to take serious and rapid action in relation to climate change. I want to commend the minister for his great work in bringing this bill forward. It will be an important part of establishing a viable and sustainable green hydrogen industry in our community as we move forward. I commend the bill to the House.