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**WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING AND OTHER LEGISLATION
AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Theodore—LNP) (12.56 pm): Today I rise to make a contribution to the debate on the Waste Reduction and Recycling and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023. At the outset I want to emphasise some of the comments that the member for Gympie made about the solar panels in his electorate which were heavily damaged on 8 December last year. What happens to solar panels after they have been damaged? Where do they go? Is there any type of recycling? That is something that I would love to hear the minister discuss to let residents know what happens to them.

At the 2020 election the Gold Coast experienced a severe hail storm which damaged a lot of vehicles. The cars of volunteers from both the LNP and the Labor Party were certainly peppered and quite a fair few were damaged. I often think to myself, 'What happens with the solar panels after all of the insurance claims to replace them?' It is a concern that many residents raise. With the circular economy, what actually happens with them? Are they getting recycled or are they just going straight into landfill?

I also want to touch on the topic of the poppers. My schools actively work with a recycling program to recycle through Containers for Change. I give out yellow bins for the schools so that the kids can put their containers in the bins. As the P&Cs can attest, sometimes they put a bit more than just products for recycling in there—which drives the P&C ladies absolutely bonkers—but they would love to know what happens with them. An *Australian* report recently stated that all of these poppers are heading to India and I think that it would devastate a lot of children in our schools to know that we are sending our waste problems overseas to India. Many young people would be completely devastated with that fact. We need to address this and we need to—

Mr Nicholls: It's not very neighbourly.

Mr BOOTHMAN: Yes, it is not very neighbourly. This is an issue that students would be horrified about.

Government members interjected.

Mr BOOTHMAN: Those opposite can complain, but it was the LNP back in 2016 that came up with the idea of containers for change. The member for Moggill and the member for Clayfield were the leaders at the time. It took the Labor Party years to implement its own Containers for Change, but if it did what the LNP did at that time we would have had all of this solved long before this. It just shows us that those opposite always talk about these targets but never meet them. They never meet these targets. Only two out of nine targets that the government put forward in terms of recycling have been met. All the rest have not been met, so it is all hearsay.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Krause): Member for Theodore, it is a matter of great regret that it is now one o'clock and time for the lunch adjournment.