




Speech By
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Progressive Coal Royalties

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (12.18 pm): If ever you needed a confirmation, I think we just heard it from the member for Toowoomba North. The Leader of the Opposition has said during this debate that the LNP is united, focused and disciplined in relation to this policy. I remind the House about how united, focused and disciplined the LNP is in relation to this policy matter. When asked on 15 June in this place by the member for Keppel whether those opposite supported progressive coal royalties, the member for Burleigh said no. He said no. He dismissed the budget coal royalties into Queensland coffers as a one-off sugar hit.

Further than that, the member for Burdekin, who is also the shadow minister, raised the possibility of consultation between the future LNP government and the mining industry over the rates. He then said—

We have given a commitment that we will sit down with the Queensland Resources Council, we will sit down with these mining companies and we will genuinely consult with them before we make any decision on coal royalty hikes and changes.

He said that at the Queensland Mining & Engineering Exhibition in Mackay on 20 July 2022.

Those opposite have given no firm commitment to permanent coal royalties here for Queenslanders to enjoy. They are in no way united on this issue, they are in no way focused on this issue and they are certainly not disciplined on this issue. The member for Callide today has called these sugar hits. The cost-of-living rebates going back into the pockets of Queensland householders they have called sugar hits.

Mr Watts interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Pause the clock. Member for Toowoomba North, you are under a warning. You can leave the chamber for one hour.

Whereupon the honourable member for Toowoomba North withdrew from the chamber at 12.20 pm.

Ms BOYD: The member for Burdekin likes to stand up and yell in this place. We did not hear much from the opposition spokesperson and local MP about saving Glenden. I refer to the comments made by the member for Mackay today, because those are comments that I was still hearing as recently as last week. He has abandoned his community. He is not standing up for local miners. He is not standing up for mining communities. All he is standing up for is big multinational corporations who donate to the LNP and, frankly—

Mr Head interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Callide, you are warned.

Ms BOYD: They do not want to see these coal royalties coming back into the pockets of Queenslanders. They do not want to see the cost-of-living rebates. They do not want see the building of regional hospitals. The member for Whitsunday called these projects disgraceful. On the record today she has called these projects disgraceful. Building, upgrading and expanding regional hospitals—disgraceful. Providing more money for LifeFlight—disgraceful, she says. An injection of funding into the Royal Flying Doctor Service—disgraceful. Increasing the—

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