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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Palaszczuk Labor Government, Performance**

 **Mr WEIR** (Condamine—LNP) (2.31 pm): When Queenslanders reflect on the Palaszczuk government and its actions this year, they will see a government with the wrong priorities and a government in chaos and crisis. This chaotic culture has infected all the way through ministerial ranks and has impacted this government's ability to properly manage our energy network and lead our very important resources industry. The reliability—or should I say the unreliability—of Queensland's electricity supply remains a major issue affecting Queenslanders.

A lack of maintenance on state owned power plants is an ongoing issue. It is one that even the Labor aligned Mining and Energy Union have expressed concerns about. Queenslanders are also still waiting on an independent report by Sean Brady into the explosion that occurred at Callide well over two years ago. Where is this report and when will it be released in full and to the public? We are still waiting for the Callide Power Station to be back at full capacity. We have heard the warnings from industry experts, including AEMO, about blackouts over the summer peak. Time will tell as to whether generation will cope with the additional demand that a hot summer naturally requires.

This week we have heard even more about the government's budget blowouts. It seems almost every project this government touches blows out. We do not need to look any further than the Minister for Transport to see that. It is this government's abysmal record overseeing major projects that is particularly concerning. This is especially so when it comes to future investment, particularly from the private sector. How can business have any confidence to partner with this government when they show a complete inability to deliver any project on time and on budget?

Speaking of future investment, investment certainly remains a major issue for the resource sector in the state. The Palaszczuk government continues to make announcements without consultation that send shock waves through the industry. Instead of supporting the mining industry, Minister Scott Stewart continues to echo the attacks of Treasurer Cameron Dick on coal companies and their representatives. When speaking of the coalmining industry all too often he only speaks of coal royalty increases. This language is not what new projects need given the importance of critical minerals and exploration as Queensland works towards new energy sources and trade opportunities. The opportunity for our state in this space is enormous but it needs a government that will actually work with industry to achieve that.

In 2024 there is no doubt that the government will unleash the mother of all scare campaigns. It is all they have, given they cannot rest on their record. My priority remains working with industry as we formulate the policies that we will take to the election in under one year.