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### **CHEAPER POWER (SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL)**

 **Ms KING** (Pumicestone—ALP) (8.49 pm): Labor's cheaper power bill does what it says on the tin: it will deliver cheaper power right across Queensland. Our Miles Labor government is taking a huge \$1,000 off families' power bills, the federal Albanese Labor government tipped in an extra \$300 to take that support to \$1,300, and senior and concession card holders will get a massive total of \$1,672 off their power bills, with our hardworking small businesses benefiting too with \$650 off their power bills. In Pumicestone our power bill rebates mean that most families will not pay a power bill until 2025, if then. I have spoken to seniors who have told me that they are expecting the rebate to last them until 2026.

We all know that the cost of living is tough at the moment, so this \$1,000 will make a big, big difference. From pensioners stretching to cover groceries to working mums scrimping to pay for winter uniforms, this rebate will help every household in our community when they need it the most. We can only deliver this rebate because Labor kept our power generators in public hands and because Labor made multinational resource companies share their record profits with Queenslanders. As a Labor MP, I believe that all Queenslanders should share in the wealth of Queensland resources. Unlike the LNP, Labor will put households' bottom lines ahead of multinational mining companies' bottom lines every day of the week.

The LNP's leader will not come clean with Queenslanders, but in a performance that was mealy-mouthed, even by LNP standards, the member for Broadwater promised the resources sector that they could 'take the LNP's policy to the bank'. That is the LNP's right-wing priorities at work: more money in the bank for multinational mining companies, less money off the power bills of everyday Queenslanders. That is what Queenslanders can bank on from the LNP if they are ever elected—a big fat zero off their power bills.

Queenslanders though can bank on our Miles Labor government keeping our energy assets publicly owned—always. Queenslanders can bank on our Miles Labor government making big mining companies pay their fair share of their record profits. Queenslanders can bank on Labor's record-breaking investments to support households with cost of living when they need it the most, but all of this is at risk.

Who can forget that the LNP sat in this House and voted against public ownership of Queensland's energy assets? It is in their DNA. If the LNP are elected in October, they will sell off our power generators, they will send our state into energy poverty and they will rule out all future power rebates into the future. Over and over the LNP have shown that they are the biggest risks to Queenslanders' budgets, particularly in my electorate of Pumicestone, but cutting cost-of-living support is not the only risk that the LNP pose to Queenslanders and the people of Pumicestone. The last time the LNP took power they really did take power: Queenslanders' energy bills went up by 43 per cent. They wanted to turn off generators to keep power prices high because they wanted to sell off those generators to the highest bidder.

Right now the LNP should be focused on the cost-of-living pressures that Queenslanders are facing, but they are not. We have seen it play out time and time again in the media lately. The LNP are focused on fighting their culture war to mothball our cleaner, cheaper renewable power sources and spend billions building the most expensive, the slowest, the least proven and the most dangerous form of energy—nuclear energy.

The LNP have a long history of touting nuclear power around my electorate of Pumicestone. We have seen their plan spelled out in detail to put nuclear power generators around Moreton Bay. That is a shame and a disgrace. Bribie locals know that the biggest risk to their slice of paradise is the LNP building a nuclear power plant in Moreton Bay. I can tell the LNP this: the people of Pumicestone are absolutely united in their resistance to any nuclear power plants in Moreton Bay, just as they are absolutely united in their support for our cheaper power bill. I am proud to commend Labor's cheaper power bill to Queenslanders and to this House.