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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENTS**

**Resources Industry**

 **Dr MacMAHON** (South Brisbane—Grn) (2.55 pm): We have heard the government today crowing about mining royalties. While the government is planning to lock in coal royalties, which we will be debating soon and which still fall short, what about the rest of the mining sector? What about gas? Nothing! Gas companies and the rest of the mining industry are laughing all the way to the bank in Queensland. While the fossil fuel sector have put on a bit of a show for the public pretending how tough Labor is on big fossil fuel corporations, the truth is that in the back rooms, the gas companies and the rest of the resources sector have shook the Treasurer's hand and said, 'Thank you very much.' Behind closed doors it is as cosy as ever.

Last year fossil fuel companies gave Labor \$863,000 in political donations. Labor continues to take corporate donations and continues to open up new coal and gas projects, fuelling global emissions and fuelling climate change all the while getting less for Queenslanders. In the last decade mining companies have paid just nine per cent in royalties on \$634 billion in exports. Our gas companies, which are 96 per cent foreign owned, are making billions while Queenslanders are getting very little. The Greens Fair Share Plan would put a stop to Labor and Liberal's new coal and gas projects, phase out fossil fuels and make sure mining companies are genuinely paying their fair share. By increasing royalties for all resources to a flat 35 per cent, we could raise an extra \$61 billion in the next four years to fund things that Queenslanders desperately need.

What could we do with that money? That would take some of this money out of the pockets of Labor and the LNP's corporate donors and instead give it to Queenslanders. On top of thousands of new jobs in renewables, green steel and battery manufacturing, we could be getting more for every Queenslanders no matter where they live. In a wealthy state like Queensland, everyone should be able to lead a good life. We would be able to fund the essential infrastructure our community needs.

In my electorate of South Brisbane the government has not been able to deliver some bike lanes that were promised in 2020. It has not been able to deliver the Riverwalk completion that was promised in 2020 or a pedestrian crossing to West End State School that was promised in 2021. We could properly fund state schools, which remain systemically underfunded by this government. Our schools are underfunded and getting more and more crowded. Where are the plans for new schools in growth areas? The government plans to add tens of thousands of new residents to Woollongabba and Kangaroo Point but there are no plans for new schools at this stage. East Brisbane State School still remains at risk from whatever the government decides to do about the Gabba in the future. We could have free public transport and tens of thousands of new public homes for Queenslanders.