




Speech By  
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**RESOURCES SAFETY AND HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL;  
MINERAL AND ENERGY RESOURCES AND OTHER LEGISLATION  
AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (6.35 pm): There we have it: the Queensland water minister has finally caught up. When the LNP—this side of the House—joined with AgForce, the QFF and other people who were rallying against the old Miles government, the old Palaszczuk government, the new Palaszczuk government and the new Miles government to rule out carbon capture in the GAB, where was the water minister? On 17 April this year, our good friend the member for Gregory asked the water minister directly—

**Mr Millar:** No, it was the Premier.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** I am sorry; he asked the Premier. I withdraw that sledge against the water minister. The member for Gregory asked the Premier, but one would think that if the water minister was so passionate about the issue he would have slid a note over the Premier's shoulder that said, 'We must say no!' But what happened? Absolute silence. Welcome to catching up to the LNP. Once again this old/new Labor government is actually embracing LNP policy. Because we have these two big bills to talk about in a very short period of time and we are going to be guillotined, I want to ensure that my colleagues have an opportunity to speak.

Another LNP policy that these amendments adopt is the announcement by the LNP to expand the GasFields Commission to ensure that that commission can take into consideration the renewable projects that are happening like a steam train across rural and regional Queensland. Over two years ago I asked this government to help out regional Queensland and expand that commission. In fact, in October 2021, I believe it was—and I could be corrected; it could have been 2022—after a speech that I made in this chamber about this exact issue, the former old premier, premier Palaszczuk, went to the LGAQ conference, stood up and said, 'We're going to expand the GasFields Commission.' Two years later and another premier later—an old government then a new government then an old government and then a new government—eventually in this big pile of documents we see a little amendment that is going to thankfully expand the GasFields Commission. Again, it was the LNP members who said, 'Please listen to us, Labor new government/old government/new government. Listen to us and make sure there's someone on that commission who knows what they're talking about, and not just a government person—how about we have an actual agriculturalist?' I understand that, once again thanks to the lobbying from the LNP, an amendment in that regard will be moved and passed.

This is exactly like the subsidence issue. Only a couple of weeks ago a group of shadow ministers met with a group of farmers from the Darling Downs region at the Toowoomba agricultural field days. Those farmers were desperate to ensure that the Palaszczuk-Miles Labor new/old government listened to the LNP in relation to the recommendations from the committee report. I thank the minister for listening to those farmers from the Downs in particular who are so desperate to ensure that that issue gets taken back to the drawing board and taken out of this bill.

The issue remains that once again cognate legislation is being rushed through the House. The Labor government refuse to allow the opposition and the crossbench enough time to consider and debate these bills. With that short contribution so more of our colleagues can speak, I finish by thanking the Labor government for supporting the LNP's policies that are in this bill.