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**ENERGY (RENEWABLE TRANSFORMATION AND JOBS) BILL; CLEAN
ECONOMY JOBS BILL**

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (3.49 pm): I am really proud to rise today to speak in favour of these significant bills—the Clean Economy Jobs Bill 2024 and the Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Bill 2023. The Clean Economy Jobs Bill will support jobs and it will secure Queensland’s economic future by enshrining the state’s emissions reduction commitments into law and setting out a clear and structured approach to achieving targets. We know that those opposite care little for supporting Queensland jobs, regardless of the lip-service we have just heard. Those opposite have form. They will cut tens of thousands of jobs. They will gut Queensland, just like they did last time. I am yet to hear a statement to the contrary from the Leader of the Opposition or even an apology for the past.

I am intrigued by today’s contribution by the member for Nanango. They must have some new speech writers who perhaps they should make use of to produce some actual pieces of a private members’ bill instead of quickly cobbling together some amendments and standing up with a speech. The member for Nanango has said that they are an opposition of solution. What are their solutions? They carry around a little blue and yellow pamphlet. Dare I mention the fake Bradfield Scheme—how successful was that?

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order in relation to relevance and ask that the member be directed back to the bill.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Bush): As I have heard it, the member has just commenced and she is responding to comments which have been made already in the debate. I will listen, however, and remind the member to come back.

Ms PEASE: Thank you for your protection, Madam Deputy Speaker. I look forward to hearing some more about their far-right policy document that they have put out and what their policies actually are. What are they going to do? They might be an opposition of solutions, but I am yet to hear any in-depth information about what those solutions or areas might be. What we do hear each and every day, which my community hears, is whingeing and whining and more whingeing and whining.

Those opposite do not care for emissions reductions. At their core, they are nonbelievers. They do not trust climate science and they do not believe the facts. It is why Queenslanders do not trust them when it comes to reducing emissions. They can only provide lip-service.

This important bill will require new targets for 2040 and 2045 to be set at least 10 years in advance; an annual statement to the Queensland parliament on progress towards the targets; the preparation of emissions reduction plans for key sectors; and the establishment of an external panel to provide advice to government on progress towards the targets and to identify abatement opportunities in a way that supports jobs and growth.

I am incredibly proud that Premier Miles recently announced a new interim target of 75 per cent emissions reduction by 2035. This new target builds on Queensland's existing targets to reduce Queensland's greenhouse gas emissions by 30 per cent on the 2005 levels by 2030 and to achieve net zero by 2050.

Let us take a look at the basic facts. The facts are laid bare in the data. Recently released emissions data from the Commonwealth government shows Queensland has already exceeded that 2030 target nearly eight years early, demonstrating that targets drive action. It shows the clear commitment and strong record of follow-through by the Queensland government which is why the minister circulated amendments this morning which call for a review of the 2030 targets. Setting emissions reduction targets in legislation provides certainty on Queensland's emissions reduction pathway, supporting investment by government and industry and providing jobs to support Queensland's communities. Legislated emissions targets offer a clear direction to industry and business, allowing them to align their strategies accordingly, and has been called for by those very industries.

Of course, the Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Bill 2023 is the next key step in delivering Queensland's Energy and Jobs Plan. Queensland's unique natural advantages and public ownership of energy assets provide a strong foundation to build the Queensland SuperGrid outlined in the infrastructure blueprint. That blueprint outlines our pathway to effectively coordinate and sequence the energy transformation and deliver competitively priced, low-emissions electricity which will help facilitate economic growth across Queensland's regions. That is great news for Queensland's job creation, good news for industry and good news for Queensland workers and families.

The targets we set are a clear sign to markets and investors across the world that Queensland is a climate change powerhouse and a preferred location for clean energy investment. By setting clear goals for emissions reduction, the legislation will stimulate innovation in technologies and practices as industries seek new ways to reduce their carbon footprint and improve their productivity whilst also answering the call of their consumers who are doing their bit for the climate. I support these bills and I commend them to the House.