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 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (2.59 pm): All that from the aspiring transport minister who thinks it is okay to speed through school zones. He is on record there.

Mr MINNIKIN: Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I take personal offence and ask that it be withdrawn. It is patently untrue.

Mr KELLY: I withdraw. I have to say that I like that fantastic show, *Seinfeld*. I could watch it all day long. It is a great show. I know there are many in this chamber who like—

Mr Harper: 'Now we're getting somewhere.'

Mr KELLY: The member for Thuringowa is forever quoting it. It is a show that prides itself on being a show about absolutely nothing. As I listened to the dreary motion put forward yesterday by a listless and rudderless opposition and as I sat there and listened to more ridiculous efforts during question time, it seemed to me that the LNP are just like *Seinfeld*: they are a show that is all about nothing—no policies, no plans, no private members' bills. Even when they do something, it becomes nothing. Remember, they voted for the Path to Treaty. They went into the chamber in Cairns and into this sacred chamber and said, 'We support the Path to Treaty. We think it is the right thing to do for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.' Then not very long afterwards they backflipped and said, 'No, we are going to get in bed with One Nation and we are going to backflip on this.' So, even when they are trying to do something, it inevitably becomes about nothing.

I will tell members something that is not nothing. In fact, I think it is something quite good, and that is the fact that every household in Greenslopes is waking up to find out today that they have a \$1,000 energy rebate. Now, that is something!

Mr de Brenni interjected.

Mr KELLY: Yes, hold that bill up. Be very proud. No, do not hold up a prop; I should not encourage that. I can tell members: that is something. The people in my community have been telling me for over 18 months now that the cost of living is the No. 1 issue. They are really going to welcome these rebates. When you throw that on top of the free kindy, the free TAFE, the freeze in car rego and all the senior discounts that I heard about when I went out to the pop-up shops in Carindale and Garden City, those are things that people in my community want. When I go to my community networking nights when we have 50 or 60 small businesses and community groups coming together, I am sure those small businesses will be absolutely thrilled that these rebates are being extended there as well.

How are we doing that? We have done it because we have kept the assets in public ownership, we are taxing multinational miners and we are backing in progressive coal royalties. That is something else that will be nothing if the LNP are elected because they will be getting rid of those progressive coal royalties, and all of those rebates will be gone.