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CHEAPER POWER (SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL)

 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (7.59 pm): I support the cheaper power bill because the people of Greenslopes support cheaper power. After the LNP's performance in question time today, I wanted to come in here and congratulate them on tonight's debate as they are actually debating the bill's substance. However, I think what they demonstrated in question time today is that there is not a name they could not have an argument about. They want to come in and argue about the name of this and the name of that. I thought they would be in here arguing about the name of the bill, rather than the substance of the bill. I want to draw a line in the sand. I am going to draw a line in the sand in Norman Creek at the O'Keefe Street roundabout. Do not come across that line and touch the Doll and Teddy Hospital in Stones Corner. That is one hospital that will remain a hospital, I can tell you that.

I had to listen to the shadow Treasurer give his contribution tonight. He spent his entire time focused on politics and preferences and talking about political numbers. He wanted to talk about anything but what matters to the people of Queensland, and that is the cost of living. I can tell you who cares about the cost of living and that is the people who own and run the Doll and Teddy Hospital in Stones Corner. He did have one very interesting thing to say that I think is worth bringing to the attention of the House. I will quote him verbatim: 'This government has failed Queensland for 10 years in the past and this government will continue to fail Queensland for 10 years into the future.' There you have it, members: he has declared that we will win the next election. Well done, member for Toowoomba South!

We do not take the election for granted. We take nothing for granted. That is why every single member on this side of the House has been in their community talking to people about the cost of living and the rebates. This morning I was at the Greenslopes busway talking to people about cost of living. Last night I was at the Cavendish Road State High School P&C meeting talking about the cost of living and the rebates. On Sunday morning I was at the Coorparoo community markets talking about the cost of living and the rebates. On Friday and Saturday I was at Mount Gravatt and Holland Park, doorknocking and talking to people about the cost of living. Guess what? It absolutely means a lot to the people in my community.

We know that if we put \$1,000 into everybody's pockets right now, they would go and spend it and that would push up inflation. However, these are sensible macroeconomic reforms that are putting downward pressure on inflation. When you put downward pressure on inflation, you put downward pressure on interest rates. That is what this government is all about. It is about helping Queenslanders with their cost of living. Why can we do that? We can do that for two very simple reasons: we own the electricity-generating assets and because of our progressive coal royalties. Every member on this side of the House never takes any election for granted. We are out there talking to our constituents about those two very important things, and all of our great candidates are out there doing the exact same thing. They will also be reminding people that the LNP members on that side of the House do not support progressive coal royalties and they do not support the ownership of assets. I commend this bill to the House. I support the cheaper power bill.