




Speech By
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 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (2.04 pm): What we just heard from the member for Toowoomba South is that the LNP's only plan is to cut. Absolutely that is their plan. What we have seen in the past 24 hours in this chamber shows how hard they will work for Queenslanders. I do not know if anybody in this room has had a chance to read the recommendations in the interim report but—my goodness me—blocking recommendations that are contained within that report, which we could be acting on now, is nothing short of shameful. To claim that there is a youth justice crisis but not want to act on these solid recommendations is nothing short of shameful. Everybody in our communities expects us to work hard for our communities. To refuse to agree to table the report by the deadline is nothing short of shameful. I am sure Queenslanders will be pleased to see underway the 60 recommendations contained in the report and we will work on delivering those to Queenslanders. It is disingenuous to come into this place and behave in the way that those opposite do. It is absolutely disingenuous.

This morning, we have debated two monumental pieces of legislation for Queenslanders that will deliver a renewables future and will make sure we can transition into jobs in the renewable space. Again, what we heard from them today is nothing short of shameful. Queenslanders should be absolutely disappointed in the contributions to that debate by the opposition. As I said yesterday, the elephant in the room is nuclear energy. If anybody is uncertain they need only look at the candidate for Oodgeroo to know her position and aspirations on nuclear. The LNP have had their true colours on show for the last 24 hours.

I want to touch on the visit that Minister Lance McCallum and I had to our TAFE. Again, there is a contrast between the Labor government and the LNP. The LNP closed TAFEs. The door was just about shut on the Alexandra Hills TAFE where we are training the electricians of the future who will work to deliver on our renewables future. Nobody should be confused in the next six months. The leopards do not change their spots. Half of the opposition sat in the Newman government and a significant proportion of them sat around the cabinet table that made those horrendous decisions. People should not think that anything is going to change real fast under an LNP government because their track record is on the board. Skilling Queenslanders for Work was another program we visited. Again, it is a program that was cut by the LNP. When it comes to supporting Queenslanders and making sure we have jobs, they fall short every time.

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