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 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (11.59 pm): November was a great month for the Bundamba community. We saw a wonderful milestone at the Swanbank power station, where 138 battery packs have been installed along with 24 transformers. That is all part of the Swanbank big battery, a 250-megawatt battery that is going to provide enough electricity to power around two-thirds of Ipswich. It is a proud Labor legacy. I was very proud to deliver that \$450 million investment in our local community. It is an investment into the future of our community and clean, sustainable energy. That is what Labor does: we invest in our communities and we invest in the future of clean, reliable energy.

That stands in strong contrast to the LNP. On Sunday night, there were communities—and my community was affected—where over 25,000 households suffered blackouts. It was a very hot and humid day and there were storms. Since that time, the government and the energy minister have been missing in action. Absolutely no detail has been given to my community, especially to the residents of Ripley, Redbank Plains and Collingwood Park, because, of the 25,000 homes that were affected, Ipswich bore the brunt of the blackouts. We have received no detail from the government about exactly what happened and we have received no detail from this LNP government about what action is being taken to stop it from happening again.

We are right in the middle of summer and there will be many more hot and humid days. Our community deserves to know that action is being taken so that there will be no blackouts heading into Christmas and the new year, but we have heard absolutely nothing from the LNP in terms of any advice about what happened or reassurance that action is being taken. It is not good enough. It is not good enough for the LNP government to treat our Bundamba community like mugs. It is not good for enough the LNP government to keep Ipswich literally in the dark when it comes to our energy future. This government has absolutely no plan for the future of our Bundamba community's energy supply or that of Queensland.