




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

 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algester—ALP) (Minister for Treaty, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Communities and Minister for the Arts) (8.12 pm): Before I contribute to the bill, I want to say that I feel like we have just stepped into another dimension. The member for Mirani is the only member in this House from One Nation—a party that does not support climate change and does not support vegetation management laws in this state. The member for Mirani is sitting around a fireplace with his tin foil hat on with some koalas and some other animals having a good old chat about how we are going to manage renewables in this state. We know that this side of the House is absolutely committed to renewables and we will continue down that path—the same way that we are committed to addressing the impacts of climate change in this state. We do that through science. I know that the member for Mirani may struggle with that idea also—that science is actually at the heart of how we do these things.

I rise to make a short contribution in support of the Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Bill 2023 and the Clean Economy Jobs Bill 2024. I know the member for Mirani was struggling with the idea of where 'jobs' was in the bill, but it is in the title of the bill. In fact, there is a commitment to some 100,000 good, secure jobs. The Miles government has a plan for that as a result of this bill and our plan.

The Clean Economy Jobs Bill aims to support jobs and secure Queensland's economic future by enshrining the state's emissions reduction commitments in law and setting out a structured approach to achieving the targets. The Miles government is taking a considered and collaborative approach to transitioning our economy towards a clean economy future. Our government's emissions reduction pathway will support investment by government and industry, creating, as I said, more than 100,000 clean economy jobs in our communities, including in regional communities.

The LNP are voting against some of this. We know that the LNP are voting against keeping energy assets in public hands. That means that, under the LNP, thousands of Queenslanders will lose their jobs, billions of dollars of investment in renewable energy will be cut and Queenslanders will pay hundreds of dollars more on their power bills.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The speaker on her feet is completely misleading the House. In fact, our amendments keep assets in our hands. Her talking points are a little off.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Martin): Member, resume your seat. That is not a point of order. There is a process for that, member for Nanango.

**Ms ENOCH:** The bill also introduces the requirement to set interim targets which will provide certainty and clarity about the pathway to net zero. The bill also requires the establishment of a Clean Economy Export Panel to provide advice to the Minister for Energy and Clean Economy Jobs, including on the social, economic and employment impacts of actions taken to achieve targets and market and

technology trends. The panel will be important to providing confidence to community, business and investors that action to meet the targets is informed by the latest economic and—for the member for Mirani—scientific analysis.

We know that 2023 was the hottest year on record for average global temperatures. Here in Queensland since 2011 we have experienced more natural disasters than any other state, and remote communities are not immune to these effects. In the Torres Strait the effects of rising sea levels are seen with destructive tides and coastal erosion, leaving the communities vulnerable. Our government, in partnership with the Albanese Labor government, has committed \$40 million to a program of coastal protection works across five islands in the Torres Strait. Earlier this year, the \$5 million seawall project was officially opened at Poruma. The project was designed to protect the community's island home and support up to nine local full-time jobs during the construction phase of the project.

Our government accepts the science on climate change, unlike many in the LNP. Those opposite have an appalling track record when it comes to environmental management. While in office, the LNP abolished the office of climate change and the office of renewable energy. They sacked 495 staff from the former environment department. They want to stall action on climate change and they want to take Queensland down a path of nuclear—a path proven to be a prohibitively expensive and lengthy process that would make it impossible for Queensland to meet its emission targets and address climate change. We all know that Queenslanders continue to see the impacts of climate change firsthand. People right across our state were hit hard this summer and that continues to be something that we are addressing right now.

I want to talk about electricity assets. As I said, we already have a plan to create some 100,000 good, secure jobs. By keeping electricity assets in public hands, we can deliver the electricity rebate that provides vital cost-of-living relief to all Queensland households. All of this is at risk under the LNP. We know that they will cut investment in renewables, slash jobs and increase power prices. We have heard from members of the LNP about their lack of support for this bill. We have also heard that there is a lack of support for this bill from the member for Mirani and unfortunately also the Greens. All of that is at risk. That means we need to continue this fight. That is why I support this bill. I commend the bills to the House.