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Energy Roadmap

Hon. DC JANETZKI (Toowoomba South—LNP) (Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership) (10.09 am): Consultation is integral to the way the Crisafulli government operates. I am pleased to inform the House that the second energy round table was recently held, bringing together key stakeholders to help inform our five-year Energy Roadmap. The variety of attendees speaks volumes about the Crisafulli government's approach to Queensland's energy mix. From renewables to gas to coal generation—sector leaders, investors, consumer groups and peak bodies—the representatives at the energy round table covered a broad spectrum of energy generation. They complement the array of attendees from across the sector at our first energy round table and will be built upon with future round tables to help frame our five-year Energy Roadmap. It will deliver affordable, reliable and sustainable power for Queenslanders. It will be pragmatic, achievable and realistic, grounded in economics and engineering, not ideology.

I can also inform the House that yesterday I received an update from CS Energy advising that the ongoing works on the Callide C3 unit are now forecast to be completed by Monday, 2 June—three days after initially forecast. CS Energy identified further work was necessary on the C3 unit due to pre-existing cracking and deterioration. Callide B2 is also offline for planned maintenance and is due to return to service on 14 June. Unlike Labor, who used government owned corporations as a piggy bank, we are properly funding maintenance of our government owned power generators through our Electricity Maintenance Guarantee.

It is crucial that our energy mix aligns with the priorities of Queensland families and businesses. It must encourage investment from the private sector to support the energy shift that is underway and focus on what the state government can practically and plausibly deliver. I also note that private operator Origin Energy has launched its own retail electricity offer in parts of regional Queensland, bringing competition to areas like Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville, Cairns and Toowoomba. It will give households outside the south-east corner genuine choice in electricity providers. We welcome competition that puts downward pressure on power bills for Queensland families and businesses. Origin's entry into the regional market is a genuine private sector led initiative that demonstrates that under our government Queensland is open for business and investment. That is at the heart of our Energy Roadmap.