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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Crisafulli LNP Government, Performance**

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (2.07 pm): It is more than a little galling to follow a member of the LNP government who was talking about energy matters because this is someone who was part of the Newman government that tried to privatise our entire energy system. They absolutely wanted to tear it to bits. Queenslanders, whether they are energy workers or Queensland homes and businesses, know all too well the terrible legacy the LNP have left in this state when it comes to an energy policy. Last time they were in government, there were 43 per cent increases in power prices to homes and businesses. Yesterday we had news from the independent Australian Energy Regulator that Queenslanders are now staring down the barrel of at least a 5.8 per cent increase to bills for struggling homes and businesses. That equates to over \$120 a year to every bill in Queensland. That is the legacy of the brand new LNP Crisafulli government.

The Premier stood up sure and proud during the election campaign and said, 'Bills will go down under my government.' The Premier gave a commitment that energy rebates and cost-of-living assistance would continue for Queenslanders. Well, both of those promises have been broken and both of those promises have been found out to be a complete sham. In the middle of a cost-of-living crisis, we have a government which has delivered a kick to Queensland families who were already down and struggling under the rising cost of living.

Not only have they cut rebates; they have cut job-creating energy projects that would have lowered prices—projects like the Pioneer-Burdekin pumped hydro storage and the green hydrogen CQ-H2 project in Central Queensland. These are regional jobs cut under the LNP. They have started the 'LNP speak' when it comes to other job-creating, generational energy projects like CopperString and Borumba. The LNP 'speak-ometers' really wound up and they are talking about saving the project. We all know what that means. It means privatisation and it means cuts. In this LNP Crisafulli government we have a government which has no plan for energy in Queensland. Queensland is a state with a government that has no plan to bring down power prices and no plan for the future of our energy system, only empty and broken promises.