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 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (2.20 pm): At the recent federal election, Queenslanders made a clear choice: they voted for Labor and strong action on net zero. They voted for more jobs and a stronger economy through clean energy. They overwhelmingly voted for Labor's energy rebates to provide them with cost-of-living support.

Queenslanders also loudly said, 'No to nuclear'. They rejected the LNP's nuclear plan that had the Premier and energy minister twisting and contorting themselves, trying to avoid a straight answer in the lead-up to polling day. We know that there is an extra special reason they have such difficulty in providing a straight and open answer to the people of Queensland. It is because the coalition are utterly split over nuclear and net zero. Like an atom in a nuclear reactor, they are split in two. This week, the government's party literally disintegrated in front of them yet we have heard barely a word from those opposite us in this chamber. They have sat there silently, like lumps of depleted uranium.

However, there has been plenty of commentary in the public, including on the Queensland LNP's own social media pages where, on Tuesday, they were trying to spruik their botched crime laws but the community was much more interested in the fact that the coalition had split and torn itself apart. The comments made for very interesting reading. A couple of my favourites were, 'Do you still exist?' and 'Are you again the country party of Queensland?' That is a good question. One of the more prescient comments was, 'Is there anything else that you guys want to comment on?'. Indeed, what are the positions of those opposite on net zero and nuclear? Do the members from National Party electorates support their federal policies on expensive and slow nuclear and dumping net zero?

This government cannot provide any confidence to either Queenslanders or industry when it comes to energy policy. They are divided, rudderless and clueless. That is why they have no plan and that is why they will not lower power bills for struggling households.