



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR BUNDAMBA**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Cost of Living**

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (2.43 pm): I am hearing more and more from local families, local young people and pensioners in our Bundamba community who are doing everything right—they are working hard and they are budgeting carefully—yet they are still falling behind under this LNP government. The LNP promised to help Queenslanders, but what we are seeing are costs going up—costs like rego. We are seeing reports of cuts to essential cost-of-living relief like energy rebates and FairPlay vouchers.

Every week, more and more Queenslanders are being forced to make impossible choices that they should not have to make between paying rent and buying groceries or between putting fuel in their car and paying for school uniforms. That is not fair. It is not sustainable and it is not what Premier David Crisafulli promised. He promised to continue cost-of-living support through things like energy rebates. When he was trying to earn the trust of Queenslanders, that is what he promised. We are seeing that trust being repeatedly broken.

Under the LNP, people are paying more for power than they ever have. They will be paying more from 1 July with at least a 3.7 per cent hike. We have seen media reports this week that in the upcoming budget nation-leading energy rebates that were implemented by Labor will be cut. That means that, in real terms, from this financial year into next financial year there will be an increase of over a thousand dollars for every single Queensland household energy bill. That is the reality of the LNP.

There could, and should, be more energy rebates in the upcoming budget. As long as there is no confirmation from the LNP that they will continue Labor's nation-leading energy rebates, there will be more anxiety in communities like mine and right throughout Queensland. We will see households having to make a choice—a choice between buying groceries and turning on the heater.

Instead of helping people, the LNP are hurting people. They are hurting people with higher prices. They are hurting people by taking away essential cost-of-living support. It is not what Queenslanders were promised. Queenslanders deserve so much more.

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