



## Speech By **Lance McCallum**

**MEMBER FOR BUNDAMBA**

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### **ENERGY ROADMAP AMENDMENT BILL**

### **GREENHOUSE GAS STORAGE AMENDMENT BILL**

#### **Second Reading (Cognate Debate)**

Resumed from 9 December (see p. 3962), on motion of Mr Janetzki—

That the bills be now read a second time.

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (4.02 pm), continuing: Picking up where I left off yesterday, I asked if it was correct that coal generators could be closed much earlier if the decision matrix dictates it. The response was, 'Through the decision matrix and the advice, that would be a matter for government consideration.' The LNP's decision matrix policy may in fact provide advice to ministers to close coal generators earlier than planned—so much for providing workers and communities with certainty.

The explanatory notes outline that this bill inserts a new objective of the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from the generation of electricity in Queensland. This is emissions reduction in the ordinary context of action against climate change. The government does not want to spook the climate deniers in its caucus, so it is using the term 'greenhouse gases' instead. On this point, the overwhelming evidence provided to the committee was that this road map is entirely inadequate in delivering the emissions reductions the Premier promised Queenslanders he was committed to before the election, including a 75 per cent reduction by 2025 and net-zero emissions by 2050. The Queensland Conservation Council said—

It is vital to note, however, that Queensland will not achieve this emissions reduction target if the announced scenario of the Energy Roadmap is realised ...

The Queensland Renewable Energy Council stated—

... neither the bill nor the Energy Roadmap expressly reference climate change, despite Queensland's still legislated net zero by 2050 commitment. A credible energy transition cannot be disconnected from the broader climate context.

Indeed, when asked whether they would like to see sectoral emissions reduction plans, the gas industry peak association Australian Energy Producers said—

Absolutely. Both the state and federal levels are really interested in those sector plans and understanding decarbonisation. Like I said, as an association we support net zero by 2050.

I will briefly touch on the fact that this bill cuts away the Queensland Renewable Energy Jobs Advocate—an independent statutory office that was established to provide advice on economic opportunities for jobs and economic development from the energy transition. We are talking about supply chains, workforce skills and economic diversification. The LNP's decision to cut the Renewable Energy Jobs Advocate will cost jobs. It is as simple as that.

Consultation on this bill has had a severely truncated timeframe, and the Energy Roadmap policy itself was not widely consulted and was developed over a very short period of time. The lack of consultation was certainly a common theme from submitters and during the inquiry. Indeed, that lack of ventilation of people's ideas and feedback continues through this debate. When we take away my time and that of the minister, there will only be about two hours left for the 72 members of this House who are on the speaking list to contribute to this cognate debate. That is terrible. This is a bad bill from a bad government. A vote for this bill is a vote to drive up power prices, a vote for privatisation and a vote to take Queenslanders backwards. I urge all members to vote against it.