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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Swanbank Battery**

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (8.59 pm): We have now had the Crisafulli-Bleijie government here in Queensland for over a year, and during that year we have seen that the LNP are addicted to cuts—whether it is cutting affordability measures such as energy rebates, whether it is cutting services, whether it is cutting jobs or even whether it is cutting ribbons on Labor projects.

Last week the energy minister snuck into Ipswich and made a big announcement, with lots of fanfare, that the big battery at Swanbank was ready for commissioning, making out that it was part of the government's policies when in fact the big battery at Swanbank was a proud Labor project. I was there with the member for Springwood and the member for Murrumba turning the sod back in 2025 for this 250-megawatt battery that is located at Swanbank Power Station.

Our community remembers when the LNP closed down Swanbank Power Station, sacked the workforce and prepped it for sale. It was a Labor government that came back, re-employed the workers and got Swanbank up and running. It was a Labor government that had the vision and committed to creating South-East Queensland's very first clean energy hub, and that is what the big battery was all about. To have the energy minister come in and try to claim credit on a Labor project like that is, frankly, really sad.

**Ms Grace:** It's a bit like the 50-cent fares.

**Mr McCALLUM:** It is exactly like the 50-cent fares. Thanks to Labor, over 350,000 households will be able to be powered by this battery. That is the legacy of Labor when it comes to energy infrastructure in our Bundamba community. It was Labor that delivered energy rebates; it was the LNP that cut them. The LNP's legacy when it comes to energy prices in Queensland is one of record high prices. We have seen the CPI data from the ABS. Thanks to their cut of the \$1,000 universal energy rebate and no support coming through, power prices have gone up by over 400 per cent. Shame on this government.