




Speech By
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MOTION

Net Zero

 **Hon. LJ GERBER** (Currumbin—LNP) (Minister for Youth Justice and Victim Support and Minister for Corrective Services) (6.17 pm): This is the worst opposition in the history of oppositions. They cannot even get their own wedge right. The member for Murrumba stood up and said, 'We know that they don't support net zero,' and then the member for Bundamba got up and said, 'We know that their plan says they're committed to net zero by 2050.' They cannot even get their own wedge right.

For the benefit of this chamber, let me turn to page 5 of the Energy Roadmap. I will read out the whole paragraph. It says—

The Queensland Energy Roadmap 2025 is a fresh start for Queensland. It delivers what Queenslanders need with a pragmatic focus on the affordability and reliability of our State's energy system to enhance quality of life—

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Currumbin, you still have that book open and are using it as a prop.

Mrs GERBER: I am reading from the book, Mr Speaker. It continues—

... fuel economic growth and—

wait for it—

ensure longer-term sustainability to net zero by 2050.

It is in the road map, yet here they are wasting time with a motion on what is already in our road map. Our support for net zero is already in the road map. Those opposite have a test: will they support the Energy Roadmap? Will they support affordable, reliable and sustainable energy for Queensland households? Our five-year Energy Roadmap sets out a clear and credible path to achieve this for Queenslanders.

What Queenslanders truly need is a road map that is informed by infrastructure costs and delivery timeframes, and that is what our road map does. Access to affordable, reliable and sustainable energy is what underpins the stability and security of households and robust industries that drive our state's economy. Its importance cannot be underestimated.

We need more supply to meet future demand and put downward pressure on power prices because for the last 10 years Queenslanders have felt the pain of Labor's failed energy policies. Unlike those opposite, our plan will deliver \$26 billion in reduced energy system costs. This is a \$26 billion saving for our state. It is about respecting taxpayers' money. It means that our communities will pay less. Labor's failed energy plan would have seen Queenslanders pay \$1,035 more on their power bills. Under our Energy Roadmap, Queenslanders will see reduced power costs and they are going to see that through their household energy bills.

In my electorate I have met with families and spoken to them about Labor's failed energy plan including Labor's unhinged Pioneer-Burdekin hydro hoax, which blew out from \$7 billion to \$12 billion to \$18 billion and then to \$36.8 billion. Let's not forget the Borumba pumped hydro project, which blew out to \$18 billion. What is more, an independent report found there was less than a one per cent chance of power being provided by the 2030 date that Labor promised.

Elected representatives stand in this House and debate legislation. I want to put on the record my support for an Energy Roadmap that means something to Queenslanders, that is going to deliver sustainable, affordable and reliable energy—an Energy Roadmap that Tony Wood said was pragmatic, not ideological. This is in direct contrast to Labor's energy plan, which failed to put Queenslanders first, was unrealistic, was captured by ideology and was fundamentally dishonest.

After a decade of decline under those opposite, Queenslanders finally have an Energy Roadmap they can rely on because we are a government that cares about Queenslanders. We care about whether our communities can afford to turn the lights on. We know that Queenslanders have some of the highest quality wind and solar resources in the nation. Our road map plans for those renewables. It plans for renewables across our state to support the growth in demand.

Mr de BRENNI: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The member's contribution to this debate is significantly straying into matters that conflict with the rule of anticipation.

Mr SPEAKER: Your point of order is on anticipation?

Mr de BRENNI: Yes. She is describing matters of infrastructure.

Mr SPEAKER: Minister, I would ask you not to anticipate any legislation that is before the House.

Mrs GERBER: I am very grateful for your guidance, Mr Speaker. The Queensland Energy Roadmap is a fresh start for Queensland and delivers what Queenslanders need. It is a pragmatic focus on affordable, reliable and sustainable energy that Queensland families need in order to see lower power bills in this state.