




Speech By
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Energy Roadmap

 **Hon. LM LINARD** (Nudgee—ALP) (2.37 pm): I believe the Chief Executive of Nexa Advisory, Stephanie Bashir, put it best when she described this LNP government's so-called Energy Roadmap as nothing more than a cul-de-sac. That is exactly what this is: a dead end for Queenslanders. This is not a road map to prosperity or lower power prices, nor sustainable and reliable power sources. This is a detour to higher cost of living, higher emissions—

Mr STEVENS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The member is absolutely breaching the rule of anticipation on a bill that has been introduced.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr McDonald): Thank you, member. I appreciate that. The member has a point. There is a bill on this that has been introduced, so if you could refrain from breaching standing orders that would be appreciated.

Ms LINARD: On the point of order, I am referring to the road map, not the bill that has been introduced.

Mr McCallum: The policy, not the bill.

Ms LINARD: It is a policy, not a bill.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members, there is no need for that outburst. One moment, I will seek some advice.

Mr McCallum interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Bundamba, you are warned under the standing orders. Member, I appreciate what you are saying, that you are talking about the road map, but please ensure you do not anticipate debate.

Ms LINARD: The LNP's so-called Energy Roadmap could be better described as a plan not to have a plan to cut emissions and actually transition our energy system. Instead, we have a policy that extends coal-fired power well into the 2040s without firm closure dates, all while stagnating investment in renewables. That is not progress; that is regression.

However, what I would really like to see is the track-changes version of the policy plan, because we have all read that what was released was not what was originally drafted. The *Courier-Mail* reported that the Energy Roadmap would include firm closure dates for Queensland's coal generators. By midmorning, the Premier and energy minister's spinners were backgrounding journalists that the *Courier-Mail* was wrong, but we do not believe he did get it wrong. The journalist and the Treasurer had it right.

The writing is on the wall. There are those economies that are investing in new technologies and clean energy to futureproof their economies and there are those that will be left behind, facing increasing instability from continued reliance on aging, increasingly costly fossil fuels—a fact, I surmise, the Treasurer is acutely aware of. While those opposite say our emissions reduction targets are not next on the chopping block alongside renewable targets, the LNP government has already cut emissions targets by stealth, because you cannot achieve net zero by 2050 without a credible path to get there.

Energy experts, climate scientists and industry stakeholders have all sounded the alarm. The Smart Energy Council has labelled this plan a missed opportunity for Queensland, while the Queensland Conservation Council described the road map as a 'pathway to fossil fuel fantasy land'. It sends the wrong message to investors willing to commit billions to a clean, low-emissions future and who are ready to build renewable projects, create jobs and strengthen our regions. It sends the wrong message to regional economies that depend on the reef, like Cairns and Far North Queensland, for tens of thousands of tourism jobs. It sends the wrong message to every Queenslanders who believes that climate action and economic growth can and do go hand in hand. Queenslanders deserve better. They deserve a plan that lowers household bills, not raises them; a plan that protects the reef, not puts it at risk; a plan that backs renewables and a cleaner future; and a plan that keeps Queensland moving forward, not stuck in a cul-de-sac of ideology.