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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Emissions Reduction Plans

 **Hon. LM LINARD** (Nudgee—ALP) (2.29 pm): I rise today to put a spotlight on something this Crisafulli government is trying to keep in the dark, and that is their program for making emissions reduction plans. In December, when a Labor government would have published our industry plans, this LNP government tabled a statement extending the date for publication potentially out to 2030—five years. It is clear that the 'program' they published was nothing more than a box-ticking exercise to comply with the Clean Economy Jobs Act, an act they do not really support. Actions will always speak louder than words.

'Program' is too strong a word to use in the context of this one-page document. To most Queenslanders the word 'program' implies that there is an actual plan to get somewhere, but we know that that is not the case with this LNP government, who has absolutely no real plan or intention to reduce emissions to net zero by 2025.

Queenslanders are entitled to know how and when their government will decide to act on things that matter to them, and climate change matters in the minds of people in this state and across this country. An inconvenient truth for those opposite is that almost eight out of 10 Australians want climate plans to reduce risk from climate-fuelled extreme weather—eight out of 10. That is a clear majority of people in this country, yet this government does not appear to be listening.

You cannot reduce risk from climate-fuelled extreme weather without addressing climate change, but those opposite are more concerned with desperately trying to avoid messy internal politics and fallout here in Queensland like we see federally. They are so desperate to stave off One Nation and the Katter party in their regional seats that they say one thing on climate change to Queensland voters and do absolutely nothing to keep those commitments.

This document is not a program, not when there are no dates and no details. A seven-by-two table is as good as it is going to get it seems under this government. It is insulting to the hardworking industries that rely on clarity and a credible path forward to 2050. Industries know that there are those economies that are investing in new technologies and clean energy to futureproof their industries and access to markets and that there are those that risk being left behind as they face increasing instability from continued reliance on aging increasingly costly fossil fuels. That is the fate that Queensland industries face under those opposite. That is the fate that Queenslanders concerned about climate change face under this LNP government, who say one thing and show through their actions they have absolutely no intention of keeping their promises.