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ADJOURNMENT

Energy Roadmap

 **Mr RUSSO** (Toohey—ALP) (9.34 pm): I rise tonight to speak about what we have heard in relation to the Energy Roadmap and to address the LNP government's energy policy. Queensland once led the charge towards a clean energy future: 50 per cent by 2030, 70 per cent by 2032 and 80 per cent by 2035. Under Labor these targets were locked into law and the centrepiece of our Energy and Jobs Plan, a blueprint for leveraging our state's natural advantages and renewable revolution.

When Labor came to office in 2015 less than one per cent of Queensland's power came from large-scale renewables. By the second quarter of 2024 that figure had surged to over 22 per cent—a 22-fold increase in nine years, not counting our rooftop solar. That is our record and that is progress.

The LNP has slammed on the brakes. They are walking away from our renewable targets and walking away from Queenslanders. The Premier talks net zero by 2050, but actions speak louder than words. Keeping outdated coal plants limping on will not cut bills, it will hike them. We have already seen just how reliable coal really is. Back in August 2025 Callide unit C3 exploded and was offline for two months. Then in October 2025 units C4 and B2 were offline after storm damage within 24 hours of each other while they were in the middle of a planned overhaul of unit C3. That was then three units down as temperatures soared under extreme heatwave conditions. Is this really the energy security Queenslanders are supposed to count on?

Look at Yurika, established in 2016 as a key arm of Energy Queensland, delivering electrical infrastructure, renewable projects and telecom solutions. Under the Crisafulli LNP government Yurika has been gutted. This is what their energy plan really looks like: destroying hundreds of jobs and sabotaging our clean energy future. Queensland's remaining clean energy is heavily under threat from the Crisafulli government's so-called Energy Roadmap. The Queensland Treasury website says the following regarding the Energy Roadmap—

... the Roadmap resets operating timeframes for state-owned coal assets at least to technical lives, with options to further extend into the future.

The previous Labor government had set a closure horizon around 2035.