




Speech By
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MOTION

Net Zero

 **Hon. RM BATES** (Mudgeeraba—LNP) (Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training) (5.56 pm): I rise to support the motion as amended by the Treasurer. I am very pleased to speak in support of the Crisafulli LNP government's Energy Roadmap. I do not know what road map those opposite are travelling down, but it is actually in the minister's statement. It says in the statement that it will 'ensure longer term sustainability to net zero by 2050'. Read the road map.

There is one word that I can say that those opposite could not say. That is the word 'coal'—coal, coal and more coal. We are not afraid to say it. We are a proud coal state. It is our biggest export. Why can they not say it?

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order!

Mr Ryan interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Morayfield, I was bringing the House to order.

Ms BATES: In stark contrast to those opposite, our Energy Roadmap is a sensible and pragmatic plan to meet Queensland's energy needs, unlike the undeliverable timeframes, the poorly scoped projects and the tens of billions of dollars in cost blowouts under the former Labor government. We are putting downward pressure on energy prices, restoring respect for taxpayers' funds and improving energy assets while we build what we need for the future. Ultimately, we are focused on delivering affordable, reliable and sustainable energy in Queensland.

If the opposition wants to talk about renewables, I am very happy to talk about renewables and the way the Crisafulli LNP government is encouraging all kinds of investments in Queensland now that Queensland is open for business. In fact, I have been speaking so much about renewables that I have been given the moniker of 'Renewable Ros' by the fourth estate. They state, 'Ms Bates's travel report mentions "renewable" energy 30 times.' I table that article.

Tabled paper: Article from the *Courier-Mail*, undated, titled 'Renewable Ros' [1824](#).

I have met with organisations like Quinbrook Infrastructure Partners, the Octopus Group, Acconia, Gransolar Group, EDP Renewables, X-Elio, Grupo Cobra, EPSA, Iberdrola, RWE Renewables, HD Renewable Energy, Taiwan solar photovoltaic industry sustainable development association, Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security, Marubeni, Eneos, Yanmar Power Technology, Posco International, Korea Zinc, Samsung C&T, Renewable Energy Partners, QUT, Idemitsu, Mitsubishi Corporation, Rio Tinto, the Energy and Climate Change Ministerial Council, and the Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners.

I will keep talking to all stakeholders who are interested in investing in Queensland, including major banks, major superannuation funds and all who are excited about the new opportunities to invest in Queensland now that there is a level playing field for renewables and mines under the Crisafulli LNP government.

Let me be clear: we have seen what changes happen to the energy sector when those opposite are in charge. Who could forget Labor's Pioneer-Burdekin hydro hoax, which blew out from \$7 billion to \$12 billion to \$18 billion to \$36.8 billion? Then we had Labor's Borumba pumped hydro project, which blew out to \$18 billion, despite an independent report finding that there was less than one per cent chance of power being provided by the 2030 date Labor promised. Ultimately, Queensland households would have paid an additional \$1,035 a year under Labor's so-called plan.

In contrast, the Crisafulli LNP government's Energy Roadmap reduces energy system costs for taxpayers by \$26 billion, meaning taxpayers will not need to pay Labor's \$1,035-a-year bill. When those opposite were not generating pie-in-the-sky media headlines, they were wasting hard-earned taxpayer funds. A decade of decline under those opposite saw \$38 million of taxpayers' money wasted to cover up the causes of the May 2021 Callide C4 incident and keep the Brady report a secret, and that is without even mentioning that it took Labor over three years to actually release the Brady report.

A government member: It went kaboom!

Ms BATES: It did go kaboom—I will take that interjection. The Crisafulli LNP government has been open and transparent with Queenslanders, ensuring no taxpayers' money is being wasted on keeping reports secret and implementing an Electricity Maintenance Guarantee for our state owned generators, underpinning our investment of \$1.6 billion over the next five years to 2029-30.

We saw the path that Labor put us on: unfunded critical services in every portfolio, public servants without ongoing job security, infrastructure project blowouts across the state, and no plan to deliver for Queensland. Those opposite deliberately hid budget black holes and blowouts from Queenslanders. Instead of worrying about a motion in this House to shore up his standing in the Labor Party party room, the Leader of the Opposition should have actually read the Crisafulli LNP government's road map.

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