




Speech By
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MOTION

Fuel Security

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (6.33 pm): Doesn't it just put in lights how adept the Crisafulli government is at dodging responsibility that when there is a motion in this House about taking real action to say—

Mr Mickelberg interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Pause one second. Member for Buderim, you are on the list; you are warned.

Mr McCALLUM: Thank you for your protection, Mr Speaker. There is a motion before this House that will deliver real cost-of-living relief and transport affordability. What is the government's response? How do they prove to this House and therefore to Queenslanders that they are taking action? They move an amendment to the original motion that says it is all the federal government's responsibility. You have to hand it to them: they have proved our point by moving their amendment. It is quite incredible that they cannot see the hypocrisy and that they cannot see that what they have done in this House by moving the amendment simply proves our point.

I want to respond to some of the speakers' comments. The member for Gregory was talking about electronic cars. I am aware of electric cars, but electronic? Perhaps the member for Gregory has a collection of radio-controlled cars out there on his property? Maybe. I am not sure. I think the member for Whitsunday's contribution would have been better concentrated on fuel security for the Serengeti. The member for Hinchinbrook—don't worry about fuel solutions; you just worry about SET Solutions. The member for Callide was obsessing over fuel security when Labor's motion literally says in paragraph 3 'meaningful action ... available supply they need'. It literally says 'fuel supply' in the motion. I am so glad he is a geologist because he certainly has rocks in his head.

We have seen that every other government in the nation has taken action when it comes to fuel security and fuel supply. We have seen an extremely strong amount of action from the federal government and National Cabinet: 20 per cent release of domestic fuel reserves—we have 100 million litres flowing; more scrutiny and surveillance on the fuel sector; bigger penalties—the list goes on.

The New South Wales government has an energy and utilities crisis team. We do not have one of those in Queensland; there is no crisis team here. Victoria has taken action. South Australia, when they were in caretaker mode, still took action and convened a round table. Western Australia have taken action. In Queensland, the energy minister wrote a letter. It would have been in crayon; that is for sure. It would have been a very short letter and would have had some pictures there with a sad face—'We need more fuel.'

I will help out the energy minister. Queensland has something called the Liquid Fuel Supply Act. Part 3 is 'Contingency planning'. Section 16 is 'Maintenance of reserves'. Section 17 is 'Directions to create and maintain reserves'. Part 4 is 'Powers in event of shortage or anticipated shortage of liquid fuel'. Section 19 is 'Directed release and sale of liquid fuel'. Section 20 is 'Output from refineries'. Part 5

is titled 'Liquid fuel emergency' and contains section 24, which is 'Ministerial control during emergency'. They sit here and say that they cannot do anything, that it is all Canberra's fault. I will table the relevant sections of the Liquid Fuel Supply Act so the energy minister can actually go and do his job.

Tabled paper. Extract from Liquid Fuel Supply Act 1984 [396](#).

This is a government that is very slick with its words and very careful to avoid responsibility—because that is what it is all about—led by this Premier. I am getting ready for the member for Buderim to come down the Strait of Hormuz like a ghost tanker. Every member in here should support the original motion and the member for Gladstone's amendment to the amendment.

(Time expired)