Question on Notice No. 263 Asked on Tuesday, 29 March 2022

MS S BOLTON ASKED MINISTER FOR ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND HYDROGEN AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND PROCUREMENT (HON M DE BRENNI)

Will the Minister outline the reasons why Queensland's Renewable Energy Target is not set to 100% by 2030 in line with other jurisdictions?

ANSWER

Queensland's renewable energy target is comparable with other states such as Victoria and the Northern Territory and recognises that the move to renewable energy must reflect local needs in each jurisdiction and the need to maintain a strong and reliable energy system.

A comparison with other Australian jurisdictions shows that neither New South Wales nor Western Australia have renewable energy targets, while only South Australia, Tasmania and ACT have targets set above 50%.

Queensland's opportunity to move forward with a renewable energy target has been severely curtailed by the interruption and setbacks experienced under three years of a Newman Government which systematically dismantled the renewable energy industry in the state.

The Queensland Government is now actively leading the way and developing a comprehensive Energy Plan for release in the second half of 2022 which will set a path to diversifying our energy system and achieving our renewable energy target.

This diversification will support traditional industries and their workers, and create more secure jobs in decarbonised industries.