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Labor’s 45 per cent emissions reduction target will destroy Gladstone: O’Dowd

Member for Flynn Ken O’Dowd is fighting to save the 1,000-plus Gladstone jobs under threat from Labor’s plan to scrap coal-fired power generation.

Hosting Energy Minister Angus Taylor in Gladstone today, Mr O’Dowd said the Coalition would protect existing jobs which would be lost under Bill Shorten and his reckless 45 per cent emissions reduction target.

Labor’s 45 per cent emissions reduction target will be a wrecking ball through the Gladstone economy.

“The Coalition is the only party that will stand up for workers at sites such as Boyne Smelters,” said Mr O’Dowd

“Labor does not have a balanced, common sense approach to emissions reduction. Instead, they plan on sacrificing successful industries for the sake of locking in Green preferences in capital city seats.

“Under Labor, energy prices will soar and aluminium smelters will shut, meaning thousands of local jobs will go and small businesses which rely on the Boyne Smelter to support the local economy will close.

“The people of Central Queensland, particularly those in Gladstone, want jobs now through support for major industries like the aluminium smelter – not the false promises and higher debt dished up by Labor.”

Mr Taylor reiterated that Labor’s hydrogen plan will not save Gladstone from Labor’s 45% carbon tax.

“The Federal Government supports new technologies like hydrogen, but there is more work needs to be done to develop the sector,” said Minister Taylor

“This is why we already are working with states and territories through COAG on a hydrogen roadmap and have invested \$100 million in further technology development around Australia.

“Don’t be fooled – Labor’s hydrogen policy is nothing but a bandaid to hide the fact that thousands of jobs are at risk in Gladstone under Labor and its reckless 45 per cent economy wrecking emissions reduction target.”

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