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➤ HARRY'S VIEW



the aims of the Paris Agreement.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change warns the cost of keeping temperature increases below 2 degrees will double without the support of clean coal technology.

In this context, the Palaszczuk Government's commitment to a 50% renewable energy target by 2030 is extraordinary, especially in a state where the private sector is leading the way on clean coal.

This target is a 12-fold increase in Queensland's current renewable energy capacity.

The Federal Government says the cost of

“Clean coal technology is being embraced as the cost-efficient way to achieve the aims of the Paris Agreement”

Queensland's renewables experiment is in the vicinity of \$27 billion, which amounts to \$14,210 for every household in Queensland between 2016 and 2030.

Federal Energy Minister Josh Frydenberg warns

Queenslanders to have their candles and torches at the ready if the 50% target stays in place.

“Queensland has not offered any evidence that its unrealistic 50 per cent renewable energy target can be met without compromising energy security or without driving up power prices.

“While a lower emissions future is undoubtedly important, it counts for little to the public if they are sitting in the dark.

“We cannot trade away the reliability of the system as we transition to a low-carbon future because to do so would be far costlier in the long run.”

South Australia, which suffered another blackout in Adelaide this week, has already shown what happens when ideology drives the race to unrealistic renewable energy targets.

Queenslanders must demand their energy future is based on rational policy decisions that protect jobs, ensure supply and keep prices in check as the nation transitions to a clean energy future.

— Nathan Vass Oatley, NSW

Nathan Vass is a former energy sector executive who established the Australian Power Project to promote sustainable national energy policy.

IN MONDAY'S MORNING BULLETIN

the positive road

petty politics.

Many businesses are doing it tough, but some of the most badly affected are now seeing a ray of light. At Great Keppel, while others argue, Keppel Connections and The Hideaway have almost singlehandedly put the joint back on the map. Chango-Chango, taken over by new out of town owners is setting a standard for casual dining at a reasonable price, while Hendrick's Lane is capably occupying a more upmarket space. In Allenstown, Something Different is a place where customers are immediately taken under the

wing of friendly staff devoid of attitude. At JAY-CAR, I have to credit the guys for swapping my \$350 dodgy battery charger almost without question. I was impressed by the young woman at Glenmore Seafoods who when I asked about tripletail fillets, immediately knew what I was talking about. The young guy at JB Hi-Fi, who took me and Sandra for an informed tour round the selection of outdoor speakers. The private architect who in conjunction with Thompson Adsett is fitting out our new top floor premises, and putting his all

into it. CQG Consulting which, essentially un-noticed, is an essential go-to, for many of the bigger projects and is now employing drone technology to undertake tasks that were previously manual and the outcomes rubbery.

The world is changing around us, even as you read this. Whether business, government or for-purpose, these changes affect demand for products and services, their prices and delivery. Ignoring, resisting and not dealing with these changes drags the provider backward, and with them the whole community.

➤ FACEBOOK

A QUEENSLAND mother's rant about the cost of sending her children to school has gone viral

“You have kids knowing these costs will arise. Learn to budget and save if you know you won't have the money in a lump sum”

— Jess Princess Trathen

➤ TEXTS TO THE EDITOR

SMS the Editor on 0428 634 025 with the word **ROCK** and a space in front of your message.

JEFF, YEPPON: Let's hope LSC can use some of the State Government \$3.5 million works grant on the precinct road and drainage issues at The Causeway. A pontoon on the Yeppoon side for the boaties / kayakers would be great as well. Anyone for a bet it gets overlooked yet again?

COL, ROCKY: I think they are covering up the real truth about our climate change. Perhaps they don't want another Orson Welles, War of the World, which occurred in the 20s???

IDLE, ROCKY: Let Canavan and Landry go on about Shoalwater all they like because if it goes ahead they will both be gone at the next election.

RYAN, YEPPON: mrs landry mrs landry, fridays paper 20/1/17 in 2 in of your 3 highlighted points you said decisions will not be made until certain assessments are done and only buy the land if necessary. why did they already buy 2 properties?

TAILOR, ROCKY: I saw a recent interview where a student said they had practice runs for their tests. No wonder there are so many good op scores. Just doing homework was enough for me

FJ, ROCKY: where were all these shoalwater land protesters when landowners were being shoved aside for coal seam gas exploration

KB, ROCKY: Landry and Byrne are demonstrating exactly what's wrong with politics right now and why voters are walking away from both major parties. Mud flying through the air like two monkeys in a cage. Come on guys. Be the bigger man and show us what integrity looks like. We all know that both sides think the other is pathetic, show us something new! The man or woman who stands up, has strong values and takes actions aligned with those values, who tells the hard truths and does EXACTLY what they say they will, will win the hearts and minds of

the voters!

We wait patiently KB but promise you'll hear it first in The Bully...SMS Ed

READER, KOONGAL: These poor people have worked so hard for generations to keep this land so they can call it home. Why can't the army use the land they already have or is it the powers at be won't let them cut down trees etc. It is a disgrace to put these people in this predicament.

DOC, ROCKY: To IHP Rocky, This ALP State Govt has consistently spent money in the communities whether it was disaster relief, foreshore or riverside development which is a far cry from the Newman / Nicholls led LNP Govt. It is common knowledge that an election is due within the year. You are just stating the obvious

AV, ROCKY: The people of SWB have spoken from the heart ignoring the political spin from Canberra.

Why blatantly destroy organic beef production & stop public access for bigger war games?

When & where did the billion dollar deal & land grab get the green light senator??

BB, YEPPON: Again Michelle Landry blaming Bill Byrne TMB 20-1-2017 for not supporting Adani, Rockwood Weir, GKI Casino etc. Just another red herring you have put up to show your arrogance over the land acquisition of prime grazing land by your Government. Stand up and tell the truth to your constituents to when you and Canavan were first told of this resumption.

DOUG MILNER: By all accounts if the SWBTA was privately owned there would have been hell to pay because of the lack of care and maintenance. It would appear that more land has become unusable due to this than is under threat by a foreign power for their military training. My suggestion is clean up the existing area and then see if any extra is necessary.

➤ PHOTO OF THE DAY



Australian Open tennis player Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia at Luna Park in St Kilda, Melbourne.

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