



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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Littleproud welcomes energy policy shift

Federal Maranoa MP David Littleproud has welcomed the Prime Minister's announcement that the National Energy Guarantee policy will not be put to Parliament.

Mr Littleproud said this was a sensible move and that the Coalition's adoption of the ACCC report recommendations had the potential to lower household bills in some states by up to 25 per cent.

The Federal Government will institute Recommendation Four from the ACCC's recent report on the issue, which involves underwriting dispatchable power. This can include coal and hydro power.

The Federal Government will also consider breaking up big companies which use their market power to charge Australian families high power prices.

"If the big companies won't play ball, we'll smack them all over the park," Mr Littleproud said.

"If you abuse your market power, we'll belt you.

"We're doing what we can to lower power prices.

"It's time state governments did their bit.

"The Queensland Labor Government is making more than a billion dollars a year out of its energy company.

"The Queensland Labor Government is raking in \$1.5 billion a year in dividends from mums and dads at home struggling to pay the bills.

"Every time you open your power bill, you should see Anastasia Palaszczuk's face.

"They're taxing Queenslanders by stealth. They're pretending to run an energy company when they're really fleecing real Queenslanders who have real bills to pay.

"The Queensland Government can reduce Queenslanders' power bills overnight by reducing its charges. Yet it chooses not to.

“When Queensland businesses close because energy prices are too high, the Queensland Labor Government should hang its head in shame.”

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