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The speaking tour is familiar territory for the 22-year-old former beauty queen, who said she studied nuclear engineering as a "flex," but now works for US energy giant Constellation as a spokesperson and as an engineer on its nuclear team..

Her recent arrival comes at a delicate time in Australia, months before a national election that could put the opposition Liberal Party in power, along with its promises to build seven nuclear power stations – upending the current Labor government's plan to rely on renewable energy and gas.

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