



Speech by

Hon. V. LESTER

MEMBER FOR KEPPEL

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ROSSLYN BAY BOAT HARBOUR

Hon. V. P. LESTER (Keppel—NPA) (10.23 a.m.): I wish to make a couple of comments in relation to the attitude of one or two Ministers opposite. Recently, the construction of a new trailer park at the Rosslyn Bay Boat Harbour has raised some issues that people were not happy about. Over about 18 months, we did all that was possible to have those issues resolved. We invited the Minister to the area. Unfortunately, there was almost an open confrontation between the Transport Minister and the Wilson family of the Keppel Bay Marina.

Mr BREDHAUER: I rise to a point of order.

Mr LESTER: No! Come on, you cannot get out of it.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! The Minister has a point of order.

Mr LESTER: You cannot get out of it.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! The member for Keppel!

Mr BREDHAUER: To suggest that there was confrontation between me and anyone is wrong and offensive. I ask that it be withdrawn.

Mr LESTER: Rather than—

Mr Borbidge interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! No, the Minister asked for a withdrawal. The honourable member will withdraw.

Mr LESTER: There is nothing to withdraw.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! The honourable member was asked to withdraw those statements.

Mr LESTER: Withdraw what?

Mr SPEAKER: Order! The honourable member was asked to withdraw those statements which the Minister finds offensive.

Mr LESTER: I do not know how I can withdraw something that I cannot withdraw.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! You can withdraw; that is in the Standing Orders.

Mr LESTER: If it suits the Minister, I will withdraw it. I tried to save three Norfolk Pine trees on a mound. However, the Minister did not just shift them, he smashed them down. That is what happened. The residents of the marina and the people of Yeppoon were very angry. For the Minister to turn around—

Mr Bredhauer interjected.

Mr LESTER: The Minister cannot get out of it.

Time expired.
