



Speech by

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MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Mr FELDMAN (Caboolture—CCAQ) (10.27 a.m.): It is indeed a long lane that has no turning. It has only taken some 15 months for this to turn around. I recall the Minister for Public Works and Minister for Housing yelling some fairly caustic comments across the Chamber to Charlie Rappolt when he was here over a domestic situation he was involved in. I remember the rest of those spineless people over there also yelling a few of those comments themselves. But I do not think the Charlie Rappolt situation involved a crushed beer can as the weapon of choice. I do not think the Charlie Rappolt situation involved assault occasioning bodily harm. I do not think this spineless mob over there should be protecting somebody who does not need that protection. I do not think it was just a drunken barbecue involved either.

I say to the member for Rockhampton that the public have a right to know about what happened at that barbecue. If we listened to a couple of other sources, the Minister would be out there not just posturing in front of the public with the Premier protecting him. The Premier was supposed to set new standards and new moral behaviour for not just his side in this Parliament but every side of this House. The Minister for Public Works and Minister for Housing has now set the standards. We now have to do the limbo under those standards. They are not high standards.

The public need to know exactly what is going on. They need to know and have a right to know. Just as they had a right to know about Charlie Rappolt's situation, they have a right to know what happened at that barbecue at Rockhampton. I see the smirk coming across the face of the member for Rockhampton. As I said, the worm has turned, and what a worm the member for Rockhampton is turning out to be in this situation. He must give a public account. That account has to be given. The public have a right to know. There are questions, too, concerning the Minister for Local Government and the Police Minister with respect to what they have had to say about this matter.

Time expired.
