



Speech by

**Mr R. QUINN**

**MEMBER FOR MERRIMAC**

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**MR SPEAKER'S RULING**

**Motion of Dissent**

**Mr QUINN** (Merrimac—LP) (Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party) (10.43 p.m.): I rise to second the motion and reiterate what the member for Indooroopilly has just mentioned, that there have been a number of inconsistent rulings on this subject. Ministers have chosen to answer questions when in fact there has been no need to answer them. The issues that were at the heart of the question have been canvassed widely in newspapers and other media outlets, and for the matter to be ruled sub judice is inconsistent—

**Mr SPEAKER:** This is a motion of dissent against one ruling; that is the motion of dissent tonight. What you are doing is talking about other motions of dissent. I would ask you to keep to this motion.

**Mr QUINN:** Yes. The issues that were the subject of the question were canvassed in other media outlets. There is nothing in the question that should have been ruled sub judice because it was widely reported in the media outlets around the State. It is on that basis that the member for Indooroopilly has moved the dissent motion. In support of the member for Indooroopilly, I say that we on this side of the House are of the opinion that the ruling is inconsistent and it is for that reason we have moved this motion.

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