




Speech by

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ELECTION SIGNAGE

 **Mrs SULLIVAN** (Pumicestone—ALP) (10.09 pm): On 16 November 2011 the Moreton Bay Regional Council sent all sitting MPs and candidates an information fact sheet detailing its election sign policy. In it the council clearly set out conditions for election signs including when signs could be erected, the maximum size of signs and locations that signs can and cannot be erected. The local LNP has already put up illegal signage in my electorate. The campaign has not even formally begun and the candidate is already breaking the rules. But we have come to expect this kind of blatant disregard for proper process from the LNP. It does not bode well for the future. If the LNP candidate is happy to break the rules to pursue her own interests as a candidate, what might she be willing to do if she actually became a member of parliament? What favours might she be willing to do for the developers who are helping raise funds for her campaign?

I table for the benefit of the House a flyer asking people to attend a \$50 fundraiser at the home of Annette Mengel, a senior management employee of Pacific Harbour estate developers.

Tabled paper: Copy of invitation for LNP fundraiser [\[6457\]](#).

Can I say at the outset that I have never asked or received any money from them and decisions that I make as a Labor MP are based on benefit to the general community not on how much money goes in someone's back pocket.

That is sort of muddy tactics the LNP are at home with. So far in Pumicestone the LNP members have spent thousands on their candidate but have not done any actual work in the community. They would be grateful that developers are picking up the funding shortfall. However, people's votes will not be bought; they have to be earned. So I will continue to work to provide even more infrastructure services and facilities like the brand-new Ningi Ambulance Station to service our growing population.

But there are more muddy tactics like the LNP bogging the 'Can-do' bus on a local footpath after driving over and smashing the actual ratepayer funded cement path. I wonder if the local LNP councillor Parsons has had anything to say about this. Surely he would be getting the council to send a bill to the LNP for the extensive damage caused to ratepayer funded infrastructure. Speaking of the local councillor, I would like to take this opportunity to say to Parsons that if he interferes in any way with my legal election signs like he did at the last election I will be calling in the police. I despise con artists, imposters and particularly thieves.

I have worked hard to protect the unique lifestyle we enjoy in Pumicestone. I am proud of the fact that 80 per cent of Bribie Island is protected, but that protection will all be lost if the LNP and their developer friends have their way. People have to decide if they want a Gold Coast in Pumicestone—no offence to my friends and members from the Gold Coast. The Gold Coast is a wonderful place but on the Gold Coast, not on Bribie Island.

I want to place on record my heartfelt thanks to my volunteers who have worked so hard already in the campaign to win the seat of Pumicestone for Labor—my husband, Jon Sullivan, whom I have been married to for 31 years, Peter Boyd, our very best friend Jim Punchard, Yvonne and Brian Williams, Margaret and Roger Hunt, and Justin Foster to name a few. Hopefully I will get the opportunity to thank many more after the election.