




Speech by  
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 **Mr PITT** (Mulgrave—ALP) (2.04 pm): I rise to speak against the motion moved by the Leader of the House today. This is another example of this government thinking it can do anything. Having heard some comments this morning on ABC Radio, we all very clearly can see what is happening. We can see very clearly that this government is all about pushing people aside. In this case a member is being pushed aside because of dissent. If anyone has a dissenting view on anything, the government adopts a foot-on-throat mentality. It is about quashing any sign of anyone with an alternative view. That is what we have seen with the member for Gaven.

We heard earlier that the comments made on the radio today were a surprise. 'Surprise' is something that you scream at a party when someone does not know that a party is being thrown for them. Surprise is not what happens when you already know the answer to the question. That is what we heard from the member opposite, and that is disappointing because I think he knew very well the views of the member for Gaven—and I put a lot of stock in his version of events, given on radio this morning.

Very clearly, this motion is all about 'dechairing' the member for Gaven. There is only one committee that the member for Gaven should be the chair of and that is the Ethics Committee.