



Speech by


# Peter Wellington

MEMBER FOR NICKLIN

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## MEMBER FOR ASHGROVE, COMMENTS

 **Mr WELLINGTON** (Nicklin—Ind) (1.11 am): I take this opportunity to respond to the Premier's false claims made in parliament yesterday about me where he said, and I quote *Hansard*—

... I might add somewhat gratuitously, the member for Nicklin, who really has voted with Labor all his career; the guy who got them into power, kept them in power ...

The record shows that the Premier only withdrew these comments after I took a point of order that his claim was false, untrue and offensive. Let us look at the facts. While I have been a member of parliament, I have voted with the Labor Party approximately 463 times, and that includes tonight. The records show that I have voted with the Liberals and Nationals approximately 867 times. When I was a member of the former Maroochydore shire council I was an Independent. We did not have party politics. Actions speak louder than words. In relation to the remainder of the Premier's absurd claims against me, I table for the benefit of members of parliament a copy of the exchange of letters between Peter Beattie and myself back in June 1998.

*Tabled paper:* Correspondence, dated 25 June 1998, between the member for Nicklin, Mr Peter Wellington MP, and Mr Peter Beattie, then Leader of the Opposition, in relation to support for the government [[1760](#)].

For the record, at that time I also met with the member for Gladstone, Liz Cunningham; Rob Borbidge, the then Leader of the National Party; David Watson, the then Leader of Liberal Party; and a One Nation representative. There were no prospects—

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** I rise to a point of order. My understanding is that the Premier withdrew the comments.

**Madam SPEAKER:** The member is entitled to make an adjournment speech. I call the member for Nicklin.

**Mr WELLINGTON:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. The records show there were no prospects of forming a stable government including the Liberals, the Nationals and One Nation. I believe this is another example of Premier Newman not being truthful and I believe it goes to the heart of the credibility of Premier Newman's statements in parliament and to all Queenslanders.