



Speech By Hon. Jarrod Bleijie

MEMBER FOR KAWANA

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Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee

Hon. JP BLEIJIE (Kawana—LNP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (6.26 pm), by leave: Last night the House passed a motion with respect to Dr Ken Levy and matters subject to PCMC inquiries and the alleged perceived bias with respect to the PCMC and members opposite and the member for Nicklin. The House in its motion last night afforded Dr Levy the opportunity to present a submission to this House that was not afforded to Dr Levy by the PCMC in that when it had its meeting in the last 48 hours it resolved that it would send the matter to the Ethics Committee because it was not in an unbiased position to be able to deal with the matter. The second element of the motion of course was to table selective documents. More concerning is that I saw on the news tonight the member for Gladstone, the chairman of the PCMC, say that it has referred Dr Levy to the Ethics Committee. Colleagues, what has happened here is that the whole matter has been referred to the Ethics Committee, which I now will not talk about because it will be subject to the Ethics Committee's deliberations. But I think it is important to note that the matter was referred to the Ethics Committee because the PCMC could not hear the matter in an unbiased fashion.

Dr Ken Levy has now written to the Clerk of the Parliament, Mr Neil Laurie, and has CCed me as Attorney-General and the mover of the motion last night and I now table a copy of a letter from Dr Ken Levy dated 21 November 2013. I also table a statement to parliament by KS Levy, also dated 21 November 2013.

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 21 November 2013, to the Clerk of the Parliament from the Acting Chairperson, Crime and Misconduct Commission, Dr KS Levy, regarding a statement to parliament [4140].

Tabled paper: Statement to parliament, dated 21 November 2013, by Acting Chairperson, Crime and Misconduct Commission, Dr KS Levy, in relation to a motion moved by the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice [4141].