




Speech By
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 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Leader of the Opposition) (3.04 pm): This government will go down in history for many things, but the way it has demolished the anticorruption watchdog in this state will take the cake. The bungling of the process lies squarely at the feet of this incompetent Attorney-General. The fact that it has left the anticorruption watchdog leaderless falls at the feet of this incompetent Attorney-General. This is another bungle when it could have been sorted out over an 18-month period.

Today, what have they done? They have snuck through Executive Council and put in place their tainted person, who does not have bipartisan support, to continue to lead the anticorruption watchdog in this state. It is not acceptable to me, it is not acceptable to the other members of this opposition and it is not acceptable to Queenslanders. Under the act, there were provisions to make Sid Williams the acting chair. That was the right course of action whilst this government undertook a fresh application process.

But this bungling Attorney-General has got it wrong again. This is what they always wanted. They wanted their own man to stay in the job and that is exactly what they have got. Dr Ken Levy will remain in his job right up until the election. This is the man who is still under police investigation—unless the government knows something that I do not know. Does the government know something that we do not know? The Attorney-General is smirking and smiling over there. They are patting each other on the back. This is one of the most important appointments in this state. The government needs to get it right. The appointment needs to have bipartisan support.

After the 18 per cent swing at the Stafford by-election, Queenslanders were told by Campbell Newman that there would be bipartisan support. There is no bipartisan support, because this government does not understand the word 'bipartisan'.

Whilst I am talking about transparency and accountability in government, does the member for Mermaid Beach want to be a businessman or does he want to be a member of parliament?

Mr Stevens: Both.

Ms PALASZCZUK: He should release the Integrity Commissioner's advice. He wants to be both. We know that he registered Ruray on 19 September and that he registered Gold Coast Skyride Pty Ltd in August. What does the member for Mermaid Beach know and why is he pushing forward a process that his own government will make a decision on? That is not transparent and it is not accountable. He must release the Integrity Commissioner's advice today. Today is a dark day for the anticorruption watchdog in this state.

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