



Speech By  
**Hon. Jarrod Bleijie**


**MEMBER FOR KAWANA**

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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Solicitor-General, Resignation**

 **Hon. JP BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (2.13 pm): I also advise the House that yesterday I received a letter from the Solicitor-General, Mr Walter Sofronoff QC, advising of his resignation from that office. Mr Sofronoff has served in this office since 2005, after having been admitted to the bar in 1977 and taking silk in 1988. In that role he developed an unquestionable reputation as one of the state's—if not Australia's—most formidable advocates.

As one of Queensland's most respected counsel, he has also served as president of the Bar Association of Queensland, president of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Tribunal and a member of the Incorporated Council of Law Reporting. He is a qualified mediator and a member of the legal panel in the Royal Australian Navy Reserve. Over the last two years Mr Sofronoff has provided significant advice to the government on a wide range of important matters. I instance in particular legal and strategic advice in relation to dealing with criminal gangs and advice in relation to sexual offenders. The government appreciates Mr Sofronoff's service to the state, and I extend my personal thanks to him and wish him well for the future.