



Speech By
Ray Stevens

MEMBER FOR MERMAID BEACH

Record of Proceedings, 8 May 2014

ETHICS COMMITTEE

Report, Motion to Take Note

Mr STEVENS (Mermaid Beach—LNP) (Leader of the House) (4.00 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—

- (1) That this House notes report No. 146 of the Ethics Committee and the recommendation of the committee that a right of reply be incorporated into the *Record of Proceedings*; and
- (2) That the House adopt the committee's recommendation and incorporate the right of reply into the *Record of Proceedings*.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

RESPONSE BY MR IAN LANGDON, CHAIR OF THE GOLD COAST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH BOARD, TO A STATEMENT MADE BY THE MEMBER FOR GAVEN (DR ALEX DOUGLAS MP) ON 4 MARCH 2014

On 4 March 2014, the Member for Gaven made the following statement in the Queensland Parliament:

The local boards have appointed bullies to engage in none-too-subtle coercion tactics. At this point I will name Dr Will Butcher at the Gold Coast Hospital as engaging in such activity, and I call on the minister to suspend him immediately for doing so.

The Gold Coast Hospital and Health Board did not appoint Dr William Butcher to be a bully nor to engage in coercion tactics. There is no evidence to suggest that bullying and coercion tactics by Dr William Butcher have occurred.

An assertion that the Board made such an appointment is false and offensive to the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Board.