



Speech By  
**Ray Stevens**


**MEMBER FOR MERMAID BEACH**

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Record of Proceedings, 16 October 2014

**MOTION—CITIZEN'S RIGHT OF REPLY**

**Citizen's Right of Reply**

 **Mr STEVENS** (Mermaid Beach—LNP) (Leader of the House) (4.01 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—

- (1) That this House notes report No. 150 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.

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**RESPONSE BY MR KELLY TO A STATEMENT MADE BY THE MEMBER FOR LOCKYER, MR IAN RICKUSS MP, ON 5 MARCH 2013**

On 5 March 2013, the Member for Lockyer made the following statement in the Queensland Parliament:

He [Mr Kelly] has been one of the main instigators of the protest against this process. He wonders why it is difficult to take the protest group seriously, yet as one of the main instigators of the group he is saying, 'if you pay me out, I will dull the noise.'

And

I am more than happy to meet with them, but, as I said, it is a shame that people who are on the committee, such as Mike Kelly, are virtually trying to leverage funds for themselves. It is disappointing and corrupt.<sup>1</sup>

The Member for Lockyer's comments are untrue and have adversely affected my standing and reputation.

I refute the assertion that I tried to leverage funds from the developer and that my conduct was corrupt.

I have attended multiple public meetings where I publicly disclosed the facts in relation to my contact with developers before the campaign commenced and this has also been published in local newspapers with full disclosure; openly and transparently.

No contact was made with the developer once the campaign commenced that could be considered in any way an attempt by me or the committee to leverage funds.

My conduct, as part of the Save Greenbank campaign, was legal, ethical and fully transparent.

<sup>1</sup> Queensland Legislative Assembly, Record of Proceedings (Hansard), 5 March 2013, p. 377.