



Speech By  
**Shane Knuth**


**MEMBER FOR DALRYMPLE**

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**MOTION**

**Dissent from Deputy Speaker's Ruling**

 **Mr KNUTH** (Dalrymple—KAP) (4.00 pm): I support the motion of dissent moved by the member for South Brisbane. There are 73 or 74 members of the Liberal National Party in this House. There are nine members from the Labor Party. When I was first elected there were 15 National Party MPs and five Liberal Party MPs. We could not keep up with the workload of all the committees and everything else going on. I say that because at that time it was disappointing when the Labor Party, which had so many members, criticised the small opposition. Exactly the same thing happens now. In terms of the ruling, sometimes new members of parliament come in here and they lack experience and they get put into positions such as that of Deputy Speaker.

**Madam SPEAKER:** I will ask you to stop. Member for Dalrymple, this is not an opportunity to reflect on the chair or the chair's delegates; it is an opportunity to debate the motion before the House and the facts of the motion, not the person. I call the member for Dalrymple.

**Mr KNUTH:** Every member of parliament, whether they be an Independent, a Labor Party member or an LNP member, has the right to move dissent from a ruling and at the same time get the message across to the members of a major political party which has a massive majority that they cannot go against the conventions of the House. They cannot criticise other members who have massive workloads. They have probably three or four times more work—

**Mr STEVENS:** I rise to a point of order, Madam Speaker.

**Madam SPEAKER:** What is your point of order?

**Mr STEVENS:** Again the member is straying from the topic which is a discussion about whether you are able to mention absences from a parliamentary committee as opposed to the ruling in relation to absences from the House. Please keep the member to the topic.

**Madam SPEAKER:** Thank you, Leader of the House. I would ask the member for Dalrymple to address the motion before the House.

**Mr KNUTH:** The minister made a statement outside the conventions of the House. I believe any member of parliament, including the member for South Brisbane, has a democratic right—that is why they are elected—to move dissent from a ruling and try to get the message across to government MPs who have a massive majority that they need to take these things into account. I bring that to the attention of the House.