




Speech By
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MOTION

Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (6.12 pm): For such an important vote of no confidence in one of the most important roles in the cabinet, the police minister, those opposite bring out the big guns! They bring out the member for Ferny Grove to defend the police minister. I was expecting the stars of the show, one of the ministerial line-up, but they are all sitting there with their heads bowed. They do not want to vote for this; they do not want to get up. Cameron Dick has his head in his hands. He wants nothing to do with this. He wants nothing to do with the support of Jo-Ann Miller, the Minister for Police. I just did a bit of a survey and looked around at the extra big guns who are going to speak on behalf of the Minister for Police and I see no ministerial support for the police minister on a motion of no confidence.

Mr HINCHLIFFE: I rise to a point of order. In no way does this—

Mr SPEAKER: There is no point of order, Leader of the House, resume your seat.

Mr BLEIJIE: The Leader of the House says this does not mean anything. 'Just because the senior ministers are not defending the police minister, do not draw too much into that,' he says. This side of the House knows what is going on. We know the police minister does not have the support of her ministerial colleagues.

Mr HINCHLIFFE: I rise to a point of order. I do not appreciate being verballed by the member for Kawana.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you, members.

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Mr SPEAKER: Come on, members, that is enough. The Leader of the House has taken objection and the standard procedures are—

Mr HINCHLIFFE: I find the statements he made personally offensive and I ask that he withdraw.

An opposition member: Where was your name mentioned?

Mr HINCHLIFFE: He did mention my name. He said the Leader of the House.

Mr BLEIJIE: I withdraw. For the last few hours I have been contemplating what to say in this motion. I had the hardest time in my life thinking of where to start when talking of no confidence in the police minister. It only took a Google search to find plenty. We could have this debate all day about why we should express no confidence in the police minister. Let me refer to the *Queensland Times* rap sheet because I think they summed it up—bearing in mind this is the local newspaper of the police minister. Her own local newspaper has a big hashtag at the moment 'Time to go, Jo', which, I admit, I think they

copied off me because I have had that hashtag running on Twitter for some months now. On 13 March the Premier slapped down the police minister because she wanted to release all the dangerous prisoners into the community. She wanted to be judge, jury and executioner. Then in May at a workers' rally—because she is a good union official—she wore a Louis Vuitton belt. Then we had the referral to the CCC because the police minister phoned a witness in a police investigation. The Premier said it will not happen again, she has high standards. Then we have litany after litany—

Mrs MILLER: I rise to a point of order. The member for Kawana is misleading the House. I would like to table from the CCC a document that says the CCC will not investigate the police minister. I find his comments personally offensive and I ask him to withdraw.

Tabled paper: Media release, dated 18 June 2015, by the Crime and Corruption Commission, titled 'CCC will not investigate Police Minister' [1806].

Mr SPEAKER: My understanding is that the first part of your point of order is not a point of order. If you find the comments the member for Kawana has made about you personally offensive you can ask that they be withdrawn.

Mrs MILLER: I find the comments of the member for Kawana personally offensive to me and I ask him to withdraw.

Mr BLEIJIE: I withdraw. Let me talk about what the Police Union said about the police minister. The Police Union has said that this Minister for police has no idea about policing. Then we had Paul Pisasale saying that the police minister is the worst police minister in the country. Then only last week the Premier in a press conference stood up and said, 'No-one has spoken to me about Jo-Ann Miller. I don't know what's going on. Why does anyone have an issue with the police minister? I haven't seen anything. I haven't heard anything about the police minister.' Then we had 20,000 dog calendars that had to be pulped because they had the wrong dates on them. Welcome to the tourism minister who had the same problem. Then we have the ethics investigation on foot at the moment because of alleged behaviour. Then we had the minister failing to attend the launch of her own road safety strategy campaign that she co-wrote the forward to. She forgot to turn up to that. Then we had the minister subject to another ethics investigation in relation to throat slitting and threatening members of the opposition.

I want to refer to an article that the *Queensland Times*, her own local newspaper, has been running. They have this poll running at the moment, the Jo-Ann Miller Poll. I thought that as the shadow police minister I ought to fill in this poll. It is only a few short questions. It says here, 'Would you vote for Jo-Ann Miller if she stood as an Independent?' I am going to say no to that. Then the poll asks, 'Do you think Jo-Ann Miller has been an effective local MP?' I am going to say no to that. 'Do you think Jo-Ann Miller has been an effective cabinet minister?' That is a big no. Then, 'Do you think Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk should sack Jo-Ann Miller from the cabinet?' That is a big yes. I vote yes for that. I table a copy and I will forward that to the *Queensland Times* signed 'Jarrod Bleijie MP, Kawana Waters'.

Tabled paper: Article from the *Queensland Times*, dated 1 December 2015, titled 'Jo-Ann Miller Poll', completed by the Member for Kawana, Mr Jarrod Bleijie MP [1807].

This minister has had a litany of errors and bungle after bungle. In May this year, the Premier stood up and said that it was an error of judgement by the minister and that it would never ever happen again. The Premier, who could not express confidence in her own police minister, said, 'All my ministers are doing a good job'. She could not mention the police minister by name. Yesterday, she could not mention the police minister by name. This is about accountability, integrity and, as I have said for six months, #time2goJo.

Opposition members interjected.