




Speech By
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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (10.26 pm): Please wait, member for Clayfield. I have a little bit to say about you. That is three minutes of my life I will never get back, listening to the member for Indooroopilly!

Mr NICHOLLS: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. You have just reflected that it is inappropriate to comment on people who are not in the chamber. I was outside of the chamber when the minister flouted the rules.

Mr SPEAKER: If you were not in the chamber at the time the member made the comments—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: The point is taken.

Mr HINCHLIFFE: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. It was very evident that the Leader of the Opposition was in the chamber.

Mr SPEAKER: I did not see the Leader of the Opposition leave. I have made a ruling.

Mr DICK: Of course, I am a bit rattled, having to speak after the vicious toy poodle from Surfers Paradise savaged me earlier tonight. It took three sitting days, until 10 o'clock at night, for him to speak for two minutes about the Health portfolio. He could not even speak about the Health portfolio for three minutes. This week he has had three hours of question time in which to ask me one question. Not only could the shadow minister not ask me a question; not one member of the opposition could ask me a question. If those opposite are not asking you questions, you know that you are doing something right as a minister.

If anybody needed to know that the Liberal part of the Liberal National Party was dead, they only had to see what happened in the Queensland parliament this week. They are anti gay, anti union, anti 17-year-olds, anti modernising the Adoption Act and, most of all, anti John Howard. They turned their back on the man who had the guts and the fortitude to reform the law of this country in relation to guns—their icon, their legend. It was left to the Australian Labor Party to defend the legacy of John Howard. We will continue to do that.

Mr SPEAKER: I have been observing the members for Beaudesert, Burdekin, Burnett and Mudgeeraba. It looks like you are trying to out-shout the member who is on his feet trying to make a speech. You all have an opportunity to speak during the adjournment debate. I ask you to show some respect.

Mr DICK: Most craven of all of course were the former members of the Liberal Party who had nothing to say about opposing same-sex couples adopting, who had nothing to say about repealing gun laws in Queensland that would make our state less safe and who had nothing to say about 17-year-olds

going into the juvenile justice system—people like the member for Indooroopilly, the member for Surfers Paradise, the member for Southport, the member for Caloundra and, most of all, the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr WATTS: I rise to a point of order. The member for Caloundra was paired at the time of the debate.

Mr DICK: I was speaking about three days of legislative action. Most of all, the Leader of the Opposition would not be heard on any of these things. He is absolutely captured by the hard right of his party. He is completely beholden. Of course he was elected with the full support of a third of his parliamentary party. He is trapped and captured by the old National Party. There would not be one elector in the electorate of Clayfield who would have opposed any of these reforms the Labor government put through—not one. He represents one of the most progressive electorates in Queensland and he cannot represent it. He is weak and he is unfit to be not only the Leader of the Opposition but also the Premier.