




Speech By
Hon. Grace Grace

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

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Member for Kawana, Performance

 **Hon. G GRACE** (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs) (10.26 am): I read a press release that was put out recently by the member for Kawana. I have never read such diatribe in all of my born days.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Members, with respect, I am not going to allow a shouting match. If the member for Kawana wants to make a comment is he able to. He does not need everyone to assist him.

Ms GRACE: The issues that were raised in that were extraordinary. He would have to be the worst conveyancer in the world who became the worst Queensland Attorney-General known to personkind. He comes into this House after he was able to dramatically—and I do not know how he did it—unify every single member of the judiciary against the government because of his loose lips and his inability to do the job.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Members, this is the minister's opportunity to speak on any matter that she wants to that is relevant. I do not need your assistance, member for Toowoomba North. You will be warned if you continue with your unnecessary and irrelevant interjections.

Ms GRACE: In addition to putting off every single lawyer in Queensland he also managed to take workers' rights and their hard-earned entitlements away while he was industrial relations minister. We have the worst Attorney-General Queensland has seen and now we also have the worst shadow industrial relations minister that Queensland has ever seen.

Opposition members interjected.

Ms GRACE: Being the member for Kawana. Just wait for it. Do those opposite really believe that they have any credibility in relation to the issue of employment? Let me put on the record that youth unemployment was not even on their radar. When we have gone around the state and held regional employment forums people cannot even remember who the last employment minister was in the LNP Newman-Nicholls government because they did nothing on employment. As the Minister for Health continually says, they did not see a public servant that they did not want to sack. That is the legacy of those opposite. They left us with the biggest unemployment rate the state has seen. They did not create any jobs; we lost jobs. This government has turned that around and has the plan to create employment in this state. We are advancing Queensland, taking this state forward. Those opposite left us with a state going nowhere.

In that press release the member put in a photo of me at a union rally. It is really quite remarkable that someone with my background is seen at a union rally! I put a challenge out to the member for Kawana: let us do a survey. I will survey 10 members of the judiciary he last met and he can go and survey 10 employers I recently met. Whoever gets the highest score I will do a deal: I will not call you the worst shadow industrial relations minister ever and you call me a proud unionist.