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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (2.44 pm): I am not going to stand in this place and be lectured to by a political refugee from the Senate who would walk the plank for his own members of parliament. The Labor Party—

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Farmer): Order! Member for Kawana, I find that language unparliamentary.

Mr BLEIJIE: I withdraw. Two days ago he was sent back to his seat, so I am not going to be lectured to by him. I am also not going to be lectured to by the Labor Party, who changed legislation in this parliament to save their mate Gordon Nuttall. Those opposite took out section 57 of the Criminal Code to save the mentor of the member for Bundamba—and the education minister's mate—Gordon Nuttall. There are still some members sitting over there who were part of it. They came in here and took away legislation—

Mr Rickuss: Jo did it!

Mr BLEIJIE: I take the interjection. The member for Bundamba was mentored by Gordon Nuttall. They came in here and changed the law. The LNP restored section 57 of the Criminal Code. We put accountability and transparency back. What we have seen this afternoon is an orchestrated campaign against the member for Warrego. Why didn't they deal with it this morning? Because they did not have the guts. They want to come in here after lunch—

Mr Seeney interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Farmer): Order, member for Kawana. Member for Callide, please cease interjecting or I will warn you under the standing orders.

Mr BLEIJIE: They did not have the guts to come in here this morning and debate it when the debate was actually on, but the member for South Brisbane, the Deputy Premier, makes sure that she lines the media up in the gallery so she can smile for them up there. Then she lines the cameras up here so that she can get in the show. The circus continues this afternoon!

If we are talking about the PCCC, then I have to say that in my time in this place—and I am sure in the member for Callide's time—I think that the most incompetent chairperson the PCCC has had is the current acting chairperson. The PCCC has been dysfunctional for 12 months.

Mr Seeney interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Farmer): Order! Member for Callide, I warn you under standing order 253A. I call the member for Kawana.

Mr BLEIJIE: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. There was a report tabled this morning which was noted in a motion, so they had the chance to debate the motion this morning. Those opposite then mentioned a person by the name of Jake Smith. There were no findings against Jake Smith by their own members of the Ethics Committee, but they want to prosecute it. The member for South Brisbane wants to prosecute it, so she lines the cameras up and sends out her mate the education minister. She makes a hospital pass to the education minister in blatant disregard of the rules of this place because they have a chance this afternoon. Then they put up the member for Ferny Grove to defend their indefensible position.

Mr Stevens interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Mermaid Beach, if you continue interjecting I will warn you under standing order 253A.

Mr BLEIJIE: The Premier, Annastacia Palaszczuk, promised a crossbench chairperson of the PCCC 12 months ago, but for 12 months they have had a Labor Party member acting in that role. Every time the acting chairperson of the PCCC gets up in this chamber, people shake their heads and wonder how that member is the chair of the PCCC. The Labor Party has caused dysfunction in the PCCC. The Minister for Education and the Minister for Health are both part of that dysfunction.

(Time expired)