



Speech By  
**Hon. Yvette D'Ath**


**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

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**PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

**Ethics Committee Report**

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills) (2.49 pm): I think I could spend the next three minutes talking about integrity of the member for Kawana. Where do I start? This is a man who has no integrity at all. I have spent the past 12 months fixing up the mess that was left behind by the member for Kawana. I think they doth protest too much when it comes to trying to save the chief of staff of the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the Opposition himself.

They say that this matter was dealt with this morning and that should be the end of it. Should it? This is a scathing report. We have recommendations and findings in relation to contempt—

**Mr Cripps:** Why didn't you debate it this morning?

**Mrs D'ATH:** We have the right to debate this in the parliament right now. The member for Kawana says that he is not going to answer to a member who sits two rows back. What makes him superior to anyone else in this chamber based on where he sits?

**Mr Stevens** interjected.

**Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Order! The member for Mermaid Beach has continued to interject despite my warning. I now warn him under standing order 253A.

**Mrs D'ATH:** Where do those opposite get off lecturing us, saying that we cannot use time in a parliamentary debate to talk about a very significant report that has been brought down with findings of contempt and deliberately misleading two very senior committees of this parliament?

This is not about the member for Warrego. We know the findings in relation to the member for Warrego. What we do not know is the outcome in relation to the chief of staff, who received emails. Is the Leader of the Opposition going to disclose every email in relation to his chief of staff and correspondence with the member for Warrego or, for that matter, any correspondence to any other body outside of this parliament disclosing information?

The Leader of the Opposition has questions to answer. We know that the Leader of the Opposition is not necessarily a man of integrity. To see this we only need to look at when he was in government and what the LNP did with the PCCC previously. They did not like the PCCC so they decided to scrap it. When they got into opposition and were asked to nominate a chair, what did they do? They put up the person who actually led the charge to scrap the PCCC membership. That is who they believe has the integrity to chair that committee. They played politics with appointments to the Crime and Corruption Commission for the last—

**Mr Rickuss** interjected.

**Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Lockyer, please cease your interjections or I will warn you as well.

**Mrs D'ATH:** This Leader of the Opposition opposed proper disclosure of political donations and the lowering of the disclosure threshold. He is the leader of a party that still has not fully disclosed all of their political donors.

**Ms Jones:** Paperwork.

**Mrs D'ATH:** 'It is just paperwork. We are not about integrity. We are not about transparency.' LNP members talk about section 57 of the Criminal Code, but are they doing anything about it now? They want integrity. They want transparency. Then they should do it and do it now. They should show some leadership. The Leader of the Opposition should come in here and tell us what he knows.