



Speech By  
**Hon. Cameron Dick**


**MEMBER FOR WOODRIDGE**

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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (2.57 pm): As the end of summer approaches, it makes us reflect on the romances that sizzled and fizzled.

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Thank you, members. We do have people in the gallery observing our proceedings.

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Members, no! I think we all get the point. I will suspend the House if you cannot behave yourselves.

**Mr DICK:** As the end of summer approaches, it allows us to reflect on the romances that fizzled and sizzled and particularly upon Queensland's most awkward romance—the pursuit of One Nation by the LNP. The early signs were so promising—the languid afternoon at Government House that they spent chatting to each other, the hours spent chatting about the future, the shy nervous dance around preferences and then this from Pauline, 'Good government requires good opposition, and this state has not had good opposition for some time.' She calls him ineffective. He calls her selfish. She calls him lazy. He calls her loopy. It is like a bad episode of *Married at First Sight* with a runaway bride. All the Leader of the Opposition can do is go to the dark corner, lick his wounds, give himself his own pain rating and try to move on to save what is left of his own party.

The drift is on. The member for Buderim, the former LNP member for Lytton, the former LNP member for Thuringowa and the former LNP member for Logan have all gone to One Nation. To lose one member may be regarded as unfortunate; to lose four looks like utter hopelessness.

This morning, we heard that that great reform—the merger of the LNP—is on the brink of collapse. It is the definition of political chaos. The Leader of the Opposition comes into the House, fiddling while Nero burns. What does he do as the leader? He comes in and trashes everything that he needs to for the sake of political expediency. What did he do yesterday? He came in and trashed the mental health system, which is the same mental health system that the opposition had supported on three separate occasions in this House. The Leader of the Opposition was happy to expose doctors and nurses to unknown legal liability. He was happy to prolong legal uncertainty for mentally ill people, their families and their victims in a pointless display of opportunism.

Today, they seek to trash the payroll system that they operated—the payroll system that they implemented and they operated. It is exactly the same system that we had and they seek to trash that now. As every single day goes on, the people of Queensland know one thing: the Leader of the Opposition is unfit to lead Queensland and so is the LNP.