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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

CFMEU

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (10.33 am): The Queensland Labor Party and its MPs are a disgrace for not condemning the CFMEU union thugs who threaten to bash people with crowbars and rape children. This type of vile behaviour has not been condemned by those opposite and by this Premier, and it sickens me, like it has sickened all Queenslanders. Rape is not okay. Threatening rape is not okay. Standing by it and accepting this behaviour is simply not okay.

What type of people are they over there to think this behaviour is acceptable? Is the CFMEU's dirty, tainted cash worth that much to all of them over there? All too often under this Premier's leadership we have seen those opposite roll out for the cameras and come into this place—

Mr NICHOLLS: I rise to a point of order, Mr Speaker. This is a significant and serious issue. Your rulings in relation to statements made by ministers have been followed by this side of the House. The Minister for Industrial Relations has kept on with continual chat and has been hurling interjections, which are clearly not being taken and are designed to interrupt the Deputy Leader of the Opposition giving her statement. I seek your clear ruling on this.

Mr SPEAKER: Leader of the Opposition, I have allowed members to be reasonably free with their interjections during private members' statements. That has been my consistent approach. I am trying to be consistent. You may think I am not. I warn all members to let the speaker be heard unless there is clear provocation.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: All too often under this Premier's leadership we have seen all of those opposite roll into this place and in front of the cameras with fake outrage on a variety of issues. The Premier is always coming into this place and always saying she is angry and always saying she is furious about other issues. Yesterday when there was an issue abhorrent to all of us and all Queenslanders, was the Premier angry? Was the Premier furious? No. All we got from this Premier was, 'It is unacceptable.' That response is unacceptable, Premier.

As a mother of three daughters who have been targeted by the unions I was sickened that our female Premier did not have the guts, the leadership or the courage to call this thuggery out. I, like most Queensland women, found the Premier's response to these vile thugs threatening rape to children utterly appalling. Even Anna Bligh sacked Kerry Shine over his rape comments. Come on, Premier; what sort of message are you sending to our young children? As a role model for women in this great state, what sort of message are you sending to them?

If that was not bad enough, this House had to be subjected to the comments from the member for Mirani. There is still no word of leadership from the Premier ruling those out. How dare he come into this House and actually defend those vile human beings who threatened rape to our children. When is this Premier going to get into this House and show some leadership?