



Speech By  
**Hon. Grace Grace**


**MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL**

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 **Hon. G GRACE** (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs) (5.24 pm): I will tell the House one thing: when Senator Brandis called members opposite mediocre, after tonight's performance we know exactly what he was talking about. He was spot on. What we have heard tonight is nothing of substance. We hear slogans, we hear one-upmanship between them about who can come up with the better character assassination, who can come up with the better joke and who can be a fly on the wall somewhere. Honestly, tonight's debate is almost embarrassing and puerile. I feel like I am back in high school. One would think that an opposition would come in here with a motion on the big issues—of course about reviews, which is such a big issue!

**Mrs Frecklington:** It is.

**Ms GRACE:** 'It is,' says the Deputy Leader of the Opposition. As members opposite were part of a government that had one of the biggest majorities but now find themselves over there after one term, one would have thought they would learn about consultation, but no. When they were in government they were out of control and drunk on power. They thought they knew it all but now they are over there and, if they continue in that way, that is exactly where they are going to stay. The fundamental difference between this side of the House and those opposite is that we believe in genuine consultation and we believe in genuine—

**Ms Howard** interjected.

**Ms GRACE:**—cooperation, as the member for Ipswich said. It has been two years since the LNP left office, but their mindset is still exactly the same. They have no understanding of the terms of consultation. However, if we do something and they believe that people have not been consulted, then they say we have not consulted. They are the Vicky Pollard of politicians in this country: 'Oh yeah, but no, but yeah, but no.' It is embarrassing.

Let us bring a little bit more common sense to this ridiculous motion. The government has embarked upon a number of reviews because they have been warranted. Do honourable members know why? It is because we are cleaning up the mess left by those opposite. That is why. We are cleaning up their mess and we are reporting back to Queenslanders and we are delivering outcomes. Let me go through some of those messes.

The LNP criticised reviews into the Lady Cilento commissioning processes. That is a very important tertiary children's hospital that opened here in Brisbane. We had to do it to clean up their mess. Another was a review into the greyhound industry. The previous minister for racing left us with an absolute mess. I bet they are thankful that he has now joined One Nation. The review came out with recommendations and a plan forward that was not supported by any of those opposite. They had no idea what was required to put the racing industry back on track in this state and they voted against all

the reforms because they had no plans, no idea and no policy. The member for Currumbin was running around Queensland trying to knock off the best laws that we have in this state. They have no idea about them.

I am proud this week to stand beside the Premier and to talk about trading hours in this state. In two decades nothing has been done by those opposite, but this government is putting in place a plan that will grow jobs, that will bring about an economic boost and will also bring about consumer confidence in the laws that we are about to bring in. I would not mind if they never had a review.

**Mrs Frecklington** interjected.

**Ms GRACE:** I put a challenge out to them tonight and I will aim it at the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, who has not stopped interjecting although she makes no sense whatsoever. Here is my challenge: whenever they are in government in the years to come—and I point out that tonight not one of them got up and said they could never have another review. There is their challenge: go out there and tell the people that they will never have another review. Being the good government that we are, we will consult, we will listen, we will deliver, and that is exactly what we are doing.

*(Time expired)*