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**MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST**

**ID Scanners**

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (3.18 pm): What an absolute debacle we have seen with the rollout of ID scanners in the state of Queensland. This morning the Attorney-General came into this place and said, 'It was LNP law.' Yes, it was LNP law 4½ to five years ago, but they have been in government for nearly three years and they implemented the ID-scanning system. They rolled out the ID-scanning system. They are trying to blame a former government for a policy they rolled out on 1 July 2017. We are not going to cop that, because we know that if they had consulted properly with and listened to industry stakeholders, they would not have the botched effort and bungled rollout that we have seen. Now we are an international embarrassment.

Across the world, we are a laughing-stock. It was on the international news before it was on Queensland news that the Crown Prince of Denmark was denied access to an establishment in Brisbane. Not only has Crown Prince Frederik been denied access; others have been denied access too. A few weeks ago French winemakers were denied access to the Gresham Bar. They were not allowed in. A couple of weeks prior to that Danny Green, after the big fight, tried to get into one of our establishments and was not able to.

In Cairns the same thing happened but in front of the Premier. I am told that the Premier was sitting in a restaurant on the waterfront in Cairns when a fellow who was dining in the restaurant took a phone call outside, because the restaurant was so loud. He walked outside and stood at the front door, where the Premier's table was, and took a phone call. He tried to get back into the restaurant, but it had just clicked past 10 o'clock and he was denied access to finish his meal. This happened in front of the Premier, who was dining in this restaurant. This gentleman walked out, took a phone call and was not allowed back in because his wallet was on the table inside.

What a debacle. What a mess. The Attorney-General did not consult with the industry. They could have ironed these issues out. Why not have a trial? Why not roll this out over a period of time and then they could have sorted these issues out?

As I have said, this affected Danny Green. We have had issues in Cairns. We have had problems for French winemakers in Brisbane. Now we have had the international embarrassment of Crown Prince Frederik being denied access. As the opposition leader said this morning, where would we be if the Queensland laws applied when Crown Prince Frederik met Princess Mary? He would never have met Mary and Australia would not have the connection to them that we do.

I wonder if Labor's fake Tahitian prince would have been able to gain access. Maybe fake Tahitian princes can gain access, just not real princes. The real issue here—

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Ms Farmer): Order! I do not think Hansard would be able to hear the member for Kawana. Could all members please allow the member for Kawana to speak.

**Mr BLEIJIE:** I quoted in parliament this morning that today's paper says that police officers said that OLGR authorised Crown Prince Frederik to enter the establishment. The Attorney-General's spokeswoman said that that was not the case. I asked the Premier who was telling the truth—the Queensland police officers or the OLGR. Somewhere in the middle the truth lies. As yet, the Premier has not answered who is telling the truth.

Is it the case that OLGR can be phoned late at night by someone in the police saying, 'We need access to this establishment.'? Is it the case that that can happen in OLGR? Is there one rule for celebrities, dignitaries, politicians, crown princes and princes and another rule for every other Queensland? Is that where we are at with these laws now—one rule for the elite and another rule for Queenslanders? That is a sad reflection on this government if that is the case.

Who in OLGR authorised the crown prince to enter? If that was not the case, who is telling the truth? The minister yelled out this morning that she did not say that. It said in the paper that it was a spokeswoman for the Attorney-General. I do not think it was the Danish attorney-general who was speaking to the *Brisbane Times*. I suggest it was the Queensland Attorney-General. Is the spokeswoman for the Attorney-General not speaking on behalf of the government, on behalf of the Attorney-General? Who is telling the truth? There are many more questions that need to be answered, not only by the Premier but also by others.

The government has had all positions on all things. Every flip-flop one can buy in Australia has the Labor Party on it. They did not support ID scanners and then they supported ID scanners. They did not support lockouts, then they supported lockouts, then they did not support lockouts, then they did support lockouts. Now lockouts are gone. They did not want to touch trading hours. Then they announced during the election campaign that they were going to touch trading hours. They then changed trading hours not pursuant to what their election policy actually said. Then the big thing that was going to fix everything was lockouts. They were going to fix all the issues of alcohol fuelled violence and then they got rid of their own lockout legislation.

It is a mess. Queenslanders cannot have confidence that they have a stable government and competent ministers. The LNP, on the other hand, will provide an alternative with competent ministers who will be able to show Queenslanders the stable government that they deserve.

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