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MOTION

ID Scanners

Mr LANGBROEK (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (6.15 pm): I am tired of hearing the member for Stafford come in here as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon and make out that he has more righteousness on his side, when all of the evidence that he has supposedly presented to us really says that he wants to close pubs and clubs at 10 o'clock. He just said that the worst people are in there before midnight and the greatest offences happen between 10 and midnight, so taking it to the nth degree what he would really like to do is close pubs at 10 o'clock.

Dr LYNHAM: I rise to a point of order. The member for Surfers Paradise is misleading the House. I simply said that most people have entered the clubs between 10 and 12, not the amount of violence. He must get the evidence right.

Mr SPEAKER: There is no point of order. I urge all members to make their comments through the chair. I call the member for Surfers Paradise.

Mr LANGBROEK: He has so much evidence as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon—he comes from the same profession that I do—and he has not been able to convince the cabinet of the merit of his supposed knowledge on lockouts. Now he is in here having to try and justify scanners. They sent him here as a penalty because his observations on lockouts were so out of touch that they could not even bring them in in February this year. What have they done in the safe night precincts to parents like me and the member for Kawana? He has even suggested that we do not care about injuries that may happen to our children. That is the contribution of the member for Stafford. It is disgusting! He came in here as a one-issue politician who has not been able to achieve the one issue he claims that he came here for, and now he is trying to make spurious claims about scanners. You should get back to university where you are really doing most of your work—

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Surfers Paradise, take a breath. I urge you to make your comments through the chair.

Mr LANGBROEK: He should get back to university. We know he is not even spending all of his electoral allowance anyway because he is trying to do three jobs, and that is completely inappropriate for a member of parliament. He is bragging about the fact that he is going to run in the upcoming election and keep his professional registration. Someone like me has had to become a non-practising registrant—

Dr LYNHAM: I rise to a point of order. I take personal offence to those statements.

Mr SPEAKER: You ask that they be withdrawn?

Dr LYNHAM: Yes.

Mr SPEAKER: The member has asked that they be withdrawn.

Mr LANGBROEK: I withdraw. Those opposite must have their beer goggles on if they think their liquor laws are a success. They have been out of touch since 2015. They do not know what is happening with antisocial behaviour in our safe night precincts. It is something that I, as a father and the member for Surfers Paradise, take very seriously. One death or injury is one too many. When we had the lockout law debates, the member for Stafford suggested that even the compromise we ended up with was going to save lives. He will say anything to try to get his point across, and as parents and representatives of our electorates we are sick of it on this side of the House. I am standing here to voice my support for this motion. We have heard about what happens in a place like Caxton Street. You can be at Gambaro or at the Caxton on the other side of the street. If you are there before 10 you do not have to get scanned at all. If you go somewhere that operates after midnight then you have to be scanned.

Labor has a disgraceful track record on stamping out alcohol fuelled violence. Let us take a trip down memory lane on the Gold Coast, where both safe night precincts are located in my electorate. I have had the pleasure of meeting many hardworking business owners—pub and club owners who work together to make sure that locals and visitors have a safe and fun night out. As a dad and a local member who meets regularly with our police officers, I also know that most patrons do the right thing.

Members can understand why Labor's first liquor policy thought bubble, the lockout laws, was a huge kick in the guts to my community. Again, Labor sacrificed jobs on the Gold Coast to please one of its own members. I have already dealt with the member for Stafford. It was an ill-thought-out, one-size-fits-all policy that destroyed local jobs, forced business owners to operate under a cloud of uncertainty and did nothing to change the behaviour of the few who displayed antisocial behaviour. That is why in September 2015 I stood shoulder to shoulder with Gold Coast pub and club owners, patrons, members of the community and my own sister Kate Langbroek at a local rally opposing Labor's short-sighted lockout laws. We all agreed that Labor's policy was a mess. There was no consultation, just a knee-jerk reaction. Then at the eleventh hour, after many pub and club owners had already let go of staff to accommodate for Labor's lockout laws, they backflipped.

In June 2016 we saw Labor have another one of its lightbulb moments. The Attorney-General and Labor thought it would be a great idea to allow patrons to buy a 45-millilitre whiskey on the rocks after midnight but ban 45-millilitre shots of whiskey. Before this, the Attorney-General decided that police should be breathalysing patrons inside bars and clubs, just to see how drunk they were. I table a copy of that article from 19 June 2015.

Tabled paper: Article from the *Gold Coast Bulletin*, dated 19 June 2015, titled 'Breathalyser-wielding police to test drinkers at bar with results used to build a case against venues' [1980].

Today we are seeing the dire impacts of yet another Labor thought bubble, while alcohol fuelled violence remains an issue in our communities. It is no wonder patronage is low or patrons are confused. Even the Crown Prince of Denmark struggled to gain entry into a Queensland pub under Labor's nanny state laws. What will happen during the Commonwealth Games? We had a plan, the safe night plan, that was working well but they stopped it.

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