



Speech By  
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## **PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

### **Domestic and Family Violence, One Nation Policy**

 **Ms BATES** (Mudgeeraba—LNP) (10.24 am): This week I spoke in the House about the real authors of One Nation's appalling domestic violence policy—the Australian Brotherhood of Fathers. They are a group of men who harass women, promote suicide and use fake statistics, all to drive their own warped agenda. The fact is that their issues relate to family law and federal legislation and have nothing to do with state domestic violence laws. These are the people that One Nation is in bed with. These are the same people the member for Buderim has allowed to write his domestic violence policy. Over the last 24 hours—

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** The member's comments are not provocative. I urge members to allow the member to make her contribution.

**Ms BATES:** Over the last 24 hours I have been subjected to disgusting abuse and hatred from the Australian Brotherhood of Fathers. The ABF have posted on social media with veiled threats and calls to action to harass me. Today they have publicly planned to show up at my office in yet another attempt to forcibly drive their backward agenda through bullying and intimidation.

The policy One Nation now claims as its own is nothing more than a disgusting attempt to allow ABF and others to menace freely—

**Mr DICKSON:** I rise to a point of order, Mr Speaker. I take personal offence to the member's statement about me and One Nation, and she is misleading parliament.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Member for Buderim, you were not mentioned. That is a frivolous point of order.

**Ms BATES:** The policy One Nation now claims as its own is nothing more than a disgusting attempt to allow ABF and others to menace freely, even if they are the subject of a court order.

As members know, I am a survivor of domestic violence. I will not be threatened or bullied by any group of angry men. What I say in this House will not be influenced by threats or intimidation. I will not let those who have committed violence against women influence the laws of this state. That is exactly what they would be doing under a One Nation government in Queensland, led by the member for Buderim.

Yesterday I received confirmation that Leith Erikson, the leader of the ABF, has almost \$200,000 in outstanding child support payments for his children. I table proof of that for the benefit of the House.

*Tabled paper:* Web page from Department of Human Services' website in relation to child support payments [\[2125\]](#).

If the member for Buderim had any moral compass, any backbone, he would stand up in this House, ditch his dangerous policy and disown the Australian Brotherhood of Fathers. Voters need to know the truth and we need to call this rubbish policy out for what it is. There will be no deals with One Nation. There will be no coalition. There will be no spot at the cabinet table for One Nation.

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Pause the clock. I am having difficulty hearing the member for Mudgeeraba.

**Ms BATES:** There will be no deals, no coalition and no spot at the cabinet table for One Nation.

Today I call out again the failures of the child safety system under this Labor government. Once again today we have seen what a do-nothing approach to child safety can lead to and the devastating effects it has on abused kids. How on earth anyone can think that leaving a child with a drug addict parent who is shacking up with a sex offender is okay is beyond a joke.

The litany of failures under this Labor minister is as long as your arm. She ignored warnings in 2015 of the crisis. She was dragged kicking and screaming to act on the crisis in Caboolture. Death after death where there were links to case loads and backlogs were ignored. A record 1,500 carers walked away under the broken system. Enough is enough. Show this failed minister the door.

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