




Speech By
Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe

MEMBER FOR SANDGATE

Record of Proceedings, 10 October 2017

MOTION

Citizen's Right of Reply

 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (9.43 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

1. That this House notes report No. 174 of the Ethics Committee and the recommendations of the committee that a right of reply be incorporated into the *Record of Proceedings*; and
2. That the House adopt the committee's recommendation and incorporate the right of reply into the *Record of Proceedings*.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

RESPONSE BY FRASER COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL, TO A DOCUMENT TABLED BY THE MEMBER FOR CAIRNS, MR ROB PYNE MP, ON 24 MAY 2017

On 24 May 2017, the Member for Cairns, Mr Rob Pyne MP, tabled a document titled 'Fraser Coast Regional Council Organisational Review and Development Plan January 2017'.

The report lists many references to the performance and conduct of Council's former Chief Executive Officer and other management staff and makes comment about the conduct of the elected members of Council. The report is therefore highly sensitive and controversial and was being treated by Council with utmost confidentiality until measures had been enacted to redact those sections of the report which could lead to litigation before its public release.

Council's reputation has been damaged by the tabling of this document. Council has since been formally served a Concerns Notice under Section 14(2) of the Defamation Act 2005 and a number of complaints under the Information Privacy Act 2009, all of which directly reference the tabled document.