



Speech By  
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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

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 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.16 am): After a week of sickening revelations, today we have been reminded yet again that this is a government of cover-up, deceit and grubby deals, a government that will tell the Queensland people one thing while in the back alleys and dark corners trade off every thread of principle for its slipping grip on power.

This is a Premier who has publicly claimed that she definitely, absolutely will not be doing any deals with Pauline Hanson and One Nation. Members will remember that in this place she even produced a signed statutory declaration. Clearly she signed that statutory declaration with her hands behind her back and her fingers crossed, for today we learn from none other than the One Nation chief spin doctor, James Ashby, that despite the Premier's promises, protests and paperwork, she has in reality been getting all warm and fuzzy with One Nation. In fact, Labor and this Premier are red hot to do a deal with the redhead.

In today's *Australian* newspaper Mr Ashby confirmed that there is not and never has been any deal with the LNP. I have said it and I will say it again: there will be no deal with One Nation, there will be no shared ministry and there will be no coalition. The LNP is the only conservative party in Queensland that can fix Labor's mess. However, while ruling out any approaches from the LNP, Mr Ashby said, 'They certainly haven't spoken to me.' He went on to say, 'We have had more contact from people within the Labor camp.'

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr NICHOLLS:** I see that the member for Springwood has his head down. The cat is out of the bag: a vote for One Nation is clearly a vote for Labor.

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Order! I think I can feel the goodwill across the chamber at the moment.

**Mr NICHOLLS:** That is right: a vote for One Nation is clearly a vote for a Labor government and another three years of doing nothing, of knowing nothing and of getting nothing done. We have a Premier who refuses to condemn a union, the members of which threatened to rape the children of Queensland working families. We have a Premier who keeps her hand out for their money and we have a Premier prepared to do more grubby deals for One Nation preferences. This is a Premier of hubris and hypocrisy. She is not a Premier of principle and—

*(Time expired)*