




Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Political Donations

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills) (2.47 pm): The academy award for the biggest rant goes to the member for Kawana! What a surprise it was not the shadow Attorney-General. No-one rants better than the member for Kawana. If members want to talk about donations, I am happy to talk about donations. The exposure of this donation from the AWU to the Labor Party for the Petrie campaign is so secret that it has been on the public record, on the AEC website, for almost 10 years. Surprise!

It might come as a surprise to those opposite, but 10 years ago the union movement and the Labor Party came together to support each other for the biggest and most important campaign in this country—that is, Your Rights at Work against Work Choices—a campaign I was proud to be part of. I am proud to stand up for workers in this state and to fight LNP governments at the state and federal level that do nothing more than attack workers' conditions.

The reason those opposite hate unions so much is that they know they stand in the way of them stripping away wages, conditions and penalty rates. Even when the LNP were in government at the state level the last time—the now Leader of the Opposition was the treasurer—they sought to take away people's common law rights when they were injured at work. They attacked public servants. They sacked public servants. We saw the member for Kawana come in late at night to reverse his laws around unions and ballots as they were about to be overturned by the High Court because they were not constitutional. He snuck in here at night, having to reverse his own faulty, dodgy laws with which he was trying to attack unions.

If we want to talk about political donations, it has been 902 days since the Palaszczuk government changed the political donation thresholds that required those on the other side to disclose their donations. \$100,000 of donations, 902 days and what have they done? They would rather spend as much money as they possibly can on lawyers in the courts to make sure they hide those donations. If they want to talk about transparency and disclosure, they should say where the \$100,000 came from. If Malcolm Turnbull wants to chase political donations, then change the laws, reduce the threshold and bring in real-time disclosure, and the Palaszczuk government will give him the assistance to do it. We will tell him how to set it up because we did it. We brought the laws in, we changed it and we brought the threshold down. Malcolm Turnbull will not. Tim Nicholls certainly will not as Leader of the Opposition. They are all about attacking wages and conditions and attacking unions. Those on this side support the workers and support their—

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