




Speech By
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Member for Whitsunday

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (2.31 pm): Wasn't that full of sound and fury signifying nothing? I do not want to speak negatively today; I want to speak of a little known Christmas tradition of the LNP. That is, each of them gets to choose a Secret Santa. On Monday they picked names out of a hat. The member for Whitsunday drew the member for Broadwater and he thought, 'What can I give to a member who has practically nothing? I'll make speech. I'll make a razing attack on my own party and its leadership. That's what I can give to the member for Broadwater as a Secret Santa gift.'

In her speech the opposition leader failed to mention what the member for Whitsunday is doing—the special Christmas gift he is giving to the member for Broadwater. She fails to acknowledge that the member for Whitsunday just held a press conference that was an indirect attack on the leadership of the member for Nanango. He could not bring himself to express any faith in the leadership of the member for Nanango. That is his little gift to the member for Broadwater.

Last night he was full of praise for the member for Broadwater. We know that the opposition backbench only have to be geed up this way when they are not happy about the leadership. They all wish they had picked the member for Broadwater in the Secret Santa. If they had, they would be saying the same things. Last night the member for Whitsunday said—

... I especially want to thank the member for Broadwater, the first shadow minister to come to the Whitsunday electorate after the election ...

There were no thankyous for the leadership—for the members for Everton and Nanango.

Ms Boyd interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Stewart): Order! Pause the clock. Member for Pine Rivers, you are not in your allocated seat. You will not be making interjections. You are now warned under the standing orders.

Mr POWER: The member for Whitsunday went on with his Secret Santa gift. He said—

I might add that the member for Broadwater is the same member of parliament who was responsible for bringing me back to Queensland more than a decade ago ...

He cannot stop going on about the member for Broadwater! How much did he mention the member for Nanango? Not at all. He said—

The member for Broadwater truly recognises the importance of tourism in my part of the world.

What we know about the member for Broadwater, and what the member for Whitsunday could not mention—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Members.

Mr POWER: The member for Broadwater, just like the member for Nanango, turned his back on North Queensland and abandoned it. That is why the LNP has such little presence in North Queensland. The member for Whitsunday is right to attack the entire leadership. He should just add the member for Broadwater to the list.