



Speech By
Hon. Yvette D'Ath

MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE

Record of Proceedings, 6 March 2018

MOTION

Citizen's Right of Reply



Hon. YM D'ATH (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (10.12 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

1. That this House notes report No. 178 of the Ethics Committee and the recommendation 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 MS CATE CARTER TO STATEMENTS MADE IN A DOCUMENT TABLED BY THE MEMBER FOR CAIRNS, MR ROB PYNE MP, ON 14 JUNE 2017

On 14 June 2017, the Member for Cairns tabled a document in the Queensland Parliament which included the following statement:

The Ipswich Police Communication Centre Campaign against the State Government over relocation: Pisasale has been using a staff member Cate Carter as a trusted leak to provide information on Police Activities including police raids, arrests and accidents over a number of years. He used this information to advise media outlets, to discuss crimes and get footage from Safe City Cameras for publicity. Pisasale worked closely with the QLD Police Union who wanted to pressure the Govt over the appointment of the Police commissioner. The mayor was concerned a Police Minister in his area and known not to be a supporter of his. The Mayor subsequently assisted Cate Carter in her Ipswich City Council election campaign and organised positive stories in the QT.

I have never leaked confidential information on Police activities to Mr Pisasale in the course of my employment with the Queensland Police Service, nor would I ever do so. Furthermore, the suggestion that Mr Pisasale assisted my 2016 local Government election campaign and arranged positive media coverage for me is wholly false. I used my limited personal savings, arranged my own media releases and had my own contact with the journalists and photographers of the Queensland Times and Advertiser. In my position I do not burn Safe City Footage, Ipswich City Council own the program and have their own procedures for obtaining such material without going through me.

On May 27 2016, an incumbent Ipswich Councillor made a similar allegation of misconduct against me, and the subsequent investigation cleared me of any wrongdoing. On the 14th of March 2017 the same Incumbent made a second allegation against me of wrongdoing, and again, I was cleared after a lengthy investigation. These documents can be obtained through the freedom of Information.