




Speech By
Hon. Yvette D'Ath

MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE

Record of Proceedings, 21 March 2018

MOTION

Citizen's Right of Reply

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (9.32 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

1. That this House notes report No. 179 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 recommendations and incorporate the right of reply into the *Record of Proceedings*.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

RESPONSE BY MR MAX BARRIE TO A STATEMENT MADE IN A DOCUMENT TABLED BY THE MEMBER FOR CAIRNS, MR ROB PYNE MP, ON 24 AUGUST 2017

On 24 August 2017, the Member for Cairns tabled a document in the Queensland Parliament which included the following statement:

The Councillors wife was treated so badly during the complaints process that following a phone call with Max Barrie from the department, this wife and mother of two young children 'went out the back' and committed suicide.

I was not in the departmental position dealing with councillor conduct complaints on or about 18 January 2012, being the time when the Cook Shire councillor's wife passed away. Furthermore, I would not have had any permission under the department's records security policies to have any knowledge of this or any other complaints about councillors at that time.

The first knowledge I had of the Cook Shire councillor's complaint was on 31 January 2013, when he resubmitted an earlier complaint to the department which had been finalised by the then Director-General of the department on 6 June 2012, prior to me assuming responsibility for the management of councillor conduct complaints on 1 July 2012.

I can also categorically advise that in fulfilling my responsibilities in managing councillor conduct complaints on behalf of the department between 1 July 2012 and 20 January 2017, I did not on any occasion discuss any complaint made against a councillor with a spouse or partner or any other relative of a subject councillor.