



Speech By  
**Hon. Yvette D'Ath**


**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

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 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (5.44 pm): I love it when the LNP kick an own goal. When it comes to motions, they had absolutely no idea when they put this rubbish together. When the LNP start talking about arrogance, hypocrisy and secrecy, it is a reminder to the people of Queensland why they booted them out of government in 2015 and why they kept them out of government in 2017. We are happy to have the discussion, the debate, on arrogance, hypocrisy and secrecy.

For those new members on the other side who have spoken in this debate and talked about the government making reference to previous governments, particularly the LNP government, they should educate themselves about why the LNP lost government in the first place, why a government with the largest majority that a government has ever seen in this state managed to lose in one term. They have to ask themselves that question. It was arrogance, hypocrisy, secrecy—everything that those on the other side now want to point the finger at this government about.

Let us talk about those issues. Let us talk about the arrogance of telling public servants that they have nothing to fear from an LNP government. Let us talk about their rhetoric that there would be no forced redundancies under an LNP government. When I make that statement I am not just talking about in 2012. That was said in the most recent election campaign by the LNP leadership again—‘There will be no forced redundancies under us if we get elected.’ We have heard that before and there are people in our communities today who are still hurting because of those job losses. It was not just public servants; it was all of those community organisations and programs that were slashed like Skilling Queenslanders for Work.

If those opposite want to talk about KPMG reports and other reports, how much money was given to Peter Costello to do that audit to recommend slashing all of those services and sacking public servants? How much money was wasted on Strong Choices? Over \$100 million was wasted on propaganda and marketing materials and consultancies. There were 42 consultancies that we had to pay for in government, funded by that lot—42 consultancies to start selling off assets, despite the LNP saying, ‘We won’t sell assets until we get the support of the people from Queensland in the 2015 election.’ That is what they said: ‘We will take asset sales to the election.’ What they did not tell the people of Queensland is that they had already spent over \$100 million in preparing for those asset sales. I take great offence to those on the other side who talk about—

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Order, members! The Leader of the House is not taking your interjections. If you continue to interject, I will start warning members. Regardless of the robust nature of the debate, I am having a difficult time hearing a member who is less than two metres away from me.

**Mrs D'ATH:** Those on the other side are saying that they are acting in the best interests of children and the safety of children, yet time and time again they ask for reports and information to be released that is either in breach of legislation—so as lawmakers they are wanting us to break the law in releasing details of young people and their information—or alternatively would potentially prejudice criminal proceedings before courts. Let us not forget the former member for Mansfield's wonderful performance when asking me to interfere with a police operation and question the police about why they did not do certain things in an investigation.

While they have been doing all of this, they have been fighting in the courts. Let us not forget that in government they were so eager to hide political donations they dropped the threshold to thousand dollars. A court decision has just been handed down that says, 'You must disclose.' What have they done? They have turned around and appealed it, because they will do anything to not divulge who their donors are and where the money is coming from. The LNP should not come in here and move motions about hypocrisy, arrogance and secrecy because the LNP are the height of hypocrisy, they are nothing but secretive and they are so arrogant that the people of Queensland threw them out after one term and kept them out.

We are a government of transparency. We are about listening to the people of Queensland and standing up for the people of Queensland. That is what we do. That is what we will continue to do. For as long as I am here, I will do everything to keep the LNP out of government.