



Speech By  
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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Integrity**

 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (2.48 pm): Those opposite are high on sanctimony and taking the moral high ground, but when we scratch beneath the surface we really get to the truth. We have just heard from the member for Toohey about some of his dealings, but I want to turn to the Attorney-General. Sitting week after sitting week the Attorney-General walks into this House and assumes the moral high ground. We receive lecture after lecture after lecture.

Recently we have seen what the Attorney-General is really all about. Today we received a couple of lectures on the financial gerrymandering of the electoral system. A bill was introduced knowing everything we know about what the Labor Party has done. The Attorney-General came in here and lectured us about appeals, as though those on this side of the House have no valid right to write to her and seek for her to take advice to appeal decisions.

**Mr Krause:** Or ask questions.

**Mr JANETZKI:** Or ask questions. Decisions and questions that ought to be questioned. We are representing our communities and when there is a concern about crime we need to be able to ask the question. The Attorney-General has no moral high ground to stand on when it comes to this. The legacy of this Attorney-General will be getting rid of the post Fitzgerald era optional preferential voting on 18 minutes notice. This Attorney-General has no moral high ground to stand on and this side of the House is tiring of the constant hectoring and lectures.

What we really saw over the last week was the Attorney-General being outed. It was an enormous thud from the moral high ground to the real truth when we saw a \$125-a-head fundraiser hosted by Star which has a significant number of gaming and liquor interests that the Attorney-General regulates. Never forget that there are 144 mentions of the minister, namely the Attorney-General, in the Casino Control Act. This is an Attorney-General who has no authority when it comes to questions of integrity. Her lectures ring hollow after accepting these donations, this value to her personal account, after none of the five attorneys-general in the room considered it was a concern, except Rod Welford who, when questioned afterwards, said he would never have taken any gift in kind. I note that one other attorney-general who was not there remains in the House today. The Attorney-General has no moral high ground and her time is nearing an end.