



Speech By  
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**MOTION**

**Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, No Confidence**

 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (5.11 pm): This is a serious motion, and the opposition does not move it lightly. Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures. It is an appropriate motion to move which should end this evening with the Premier sacking the Deputy Premier.

In looking through the motion here tonight, there is one phrase that keeps coming to me. Whether it be all the different issues listed in this motion or whether it be the last 10 weeks or whether it be the Deputy Premier's career, there is one phrase that keeps coming to me: lack of judgement. Lack of judgement has plagued the Deputy Premier for the last couple of months and through her earlier career.

**Mr Mander:** That's being complimentary.

**Mr JANETZKI:** I take the interjection from the Deputy Leader of the Opposition. It is complimentary. Whether it be the motion that was moved this afternoon which gave the opposition an hour's free kick to belt the Labor Party about their asset sales over the last 20 years—\$20 billion worth of asset sales; whether it be the Deputy Premier personally receipting a \$5,000 donation from that upstanding citizen from New South Wales Eddie Obeid—

**Ms TRAD:** Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. Those comments are offensive. They are untrue and I ask that the member withdraw.

**Mr SPEAKER:** The Deputy Premier has asked you to withdraw those comments. Will you withdraw them, member?

**Mr JANETZKI:** I withdraw, Mr Speaker—or whether it be the Deputy Premier as a minister misusing her call-in powers. We often forget that when the Deputy Premier moved to Treasury she took the Cross River Rail project with her. She did not trust the member for Woodridge with the project. She did not want the member for Woodridge taking the praise, taking the plaudits for the project. She took the project with her to Treasury. I wonder whether that little lapse of judgement would be the cause of some regret for the Deputy Premier today.

We also know the lack of judgement around the Queensland economy—higher debt, credit outlook deteriorating, near the bottom when it comes to the State of the States—

**Ms Trad** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Deputy Premier, your comments will come through the chair.

**Mr JANETZKI:**—no plan for the debt—

**Mr Mander:** Higher unemployment.

**Mr JANETZKI:** Higher unemployment. There is lack of judgement time and time again from the Deputy Premier in her role as the chief economist for this state.

I want to turn briefly to the CCC findings. There are two themes to these findings. The first one relates to good governance. The findings from the CCC said there should be a standing agenda item for cabinet meetings for the consideration of conflicts. The second issue was, if there is a conflict, there should be a conflict management plan.

It is shocking that the biggest employer in this state, the biggest spender of other people's money, would not consider conflicts in every single meeting. This is the executive arm of government. If they were an ASX company—forget that. If they were a small business or a small to medium enterprise all the way through to the big end of town, which is much loathed by that side of the House, they would consider conflicts as par for the course. Then it dawned on me. There are probably not many members on that side of the House who have worked in a small business, in a small to medium enterprise let alone in the big end of town. I wonder how many of them have even done the AICD course. That is the first thing you learn. If they have done the AICD course and forgotten anything they learnt, that is even worse.

In terms of the criminal offences that the CCC has recommended, have we really got to the stage where it must be a criminal offence to complete your register of interests? Is it really that bad in this state that the Treasurer cannot comply? It reminds me of the first thing I recall in the ASX corporate governance guidelines—and it would do the cabinet well to read them: personal integrity cannot be regulated. That is what corporate governance, good governance, in this country is about: personal integrity cannot be regulated.

It was timely that Mr Fitzgerald was at Parliament House today. I was pleased to attend the event with the Leader of the Opposition because it is right that we remember 30 years ago. I think the Premier, as is often the way, does not understand the irony of her words sometimes. The Premier spoke and she finished by saying, 'The price of liberty is eternal vigilance,' and 'The spirit of Fitzgerald watches over us.' If the spirit of Fitzgerald were in the House tonight, he would demand transparency and accountability. If the spirit of Fitzgerald were in the House tonight, he would demand action. If the spirit of Fitzgerald were well and truly in this House tonight, he would demand that the Premier sack the Deputy Premier immediately.