




Speech By
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 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (11.24 am): I have a message for the member for Kawana: hold on to your hopes and dreams; hold on to your optimism; do not be forlorn, because the government has taken on board the contribution that you made on Monday night. We did listen to your request for more time to deal with the youth justice bill, and that is why the Leader of the House carried over the motion to today so we could see exactly how much time was left and ensure that extra time could be provided. I think there is something like 40 minutes of extra time according to the member for Kawana's calculation. Of course, if we shortened this debate a little, that would give more time for the youth justice debate that the member wants to talk about, but let us not get into that hypocrisy.

The member for Kawana was surprisingly frank, actually. He outlined exactly why the LNP want to extend this debate, and that is because they want to filibuster. They do not want to filibuster just through a sitting; they want to filibuster all the way from here to Townsville. That is why they want to extend the debate.

Here is the thing. I understand why their party room wants to do that. I understand why the leader and their strategy group—I assume they have some kind of arrangement there, although it is hard to observe—want to extend this debate. What I do not understand is why the member for Kawana wants to extend this debate. Just as many members on the other side might want to talk about youth justice, I am sure that, if the debate time was longer, there would be more time for people on this side of the House to talk about your record, member for Kawana. We could talk about boot camps and we could talk about catching helicopters to visit boot camps. There would be extra time for us to talk about how you personally failed on youth justice.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Stewart): Order! Pause the clock. Member for Murrumba, please speak through the chair.

Dr MILES: Thank you. That is why those in the decision-making roles over there have hung the member for Kawana out to dry, but I will help him out. I will add another 2½ minutes to the debate time. I endorse the motion to the House.