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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (11.26 am): This is the usual amateur thespian waste of time by the member for Kawana. He gets up here and trots out the same speech every time. He wastes the time of this parliament that we could be using in debate. He is clearly not across his brief. The meeting last night started off with him saying that a cognate debate on the transport bills would mean that people who had spoken could not speak again and it would deny people their right. That was quickly admonished by the Clerk, so the member for Kawana is not even aware of basic standing orders. He is very good at amateur thespian theatrical little efforts in this place, but when it comes to it he really does not know what his job is. He is not very effective at it.

This parliament is focused on the bills and the business that we need to be. We are not here to run a parliamentary agenda that is geared around an opposition's desire to make headlines and desire to look at issues. Those opposite have ample opportunity to raise issues in all kinds of ways—matters of public importance, adjournments. There are a lot of different mechanisms for members of the opposition to get their points across, but this is the normal way of business for many parliaments throughout many jurisdictions. We have modernised the standing orders to ensure that that is the case.

We are saving members of the opposition who turned up at 2.45 in the morning in all states of dress from themselves—some of them already asleep before the parliament had even closed. We are saving them from themselves. We do not get any credit for that from them, but that is okay. I can roll with that. What we see is the same old speech from the same old member for Kawana who does not know what he is talking about and the opposition trying to position itself, as oppositions do, before an election. Good luck to it, but it is pretty tedious and I absolutely endorse the Leader of the House's motion. It is sensible and we need to get on with business.