




Speech By  
**Hon. Dr Steven Miles**  
**MEMBER FOR MURRUMBA**

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### ELECTION OF SPEAKER

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning) (11.12 am): I rise to support the nomination of the member for Mulgrave to the office of Speaker as nominated by the Premier and seconded by the member for Noosa. I endorse the statements made by them both in nominating the member for Mulgrave. He has been our Speaker for the past three years and would bring to the role a continuity of judgement that I believe is worthy of the support of all members of this House. Therefore, I am proud to support him for a further term.

We all come here as passionate representatives of our communities and we debate matters passionately. Sometimes that leads to robust discussion. Very occasionally things get unruly. As Speaker, the member for Mulgrave has proven his ability to maintain decorum in this chamber and to do so in a way that is respectful of all of us and our desires to make a contribution and that is also respectful of the institution of the parliament and how it needs to be perceived by the public. He has always done so with fairness, although occasionally with more fairness than I would have preferred. He bestowed upon me an historic recognition in making me the first minister for quite some time to be ejected. I can assure the House that I learnt my lesson as he had to eject me only once more after that, although for that term I did have the cover of the then member for Cooper, who was useful to hide behind.

The member for Mulgrave has been respected in his role as Speaker, and that is highlighted by the fact that his nomination is seconded by a member of the crossbench and I know it is supported by many on the crossbench. Even the Leader of the Opposition paid him respect while nominating somebody else for the role.

I have known the member for Mulgrave for a long time—long before either of us was in this place—so I can say that he has always acted with integrity and honesty and has sought to serve Queenslanders to the best of his abilities. I congratulate him on his re-election in the seat of Mulgrave. I know he is very passionate about representing that community. It is very appropriate that we have somebody from the state's far north presiding over this chamber for a further term. Of course, he has been a longstanding member of this chamber. I was honoured to serve with him as a minister in the first term of the Palaszczuk government. I know that on every single one of those days he represented his region, our state and his portfolios with great passion and integrity.

I acknowledge the member's passionate advocacy for our state's First Nation people which has shone through his parliamentary service and also his time as Speaker. I acknowledge his family in the gallery and thank them for the sacrifice that they make in allowing him to spend so much time in Brisbane being our Speaker. I support the nomination of the member for Mulgrave and urge other members to vote accordingly.