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**MEMBER FOR EVERTON**

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**MOTION**

**Business Program**

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (11.21 am): I also will be speaking against this motion. If one needs an example of the great arrogance and hubris of this Labor government, one needs only to listen to the speech just made by the member for Miller. In the first instance he says that we are wasting time talking about the democratic foundations of this state. He says that we are wasting time defending the rights of members of parliament to stand in this place and speak on any bill for any length of time, within the limitations of the parliament. It shows the arrogance of this government that they regard the democratic process in this state as a waste of parliamentary time.

We saw another demonstration of the arrogance of this government when the member for Miller routinely went through the different bills. He said, 'Well, we've had a look at this particular bill and we've decided that it can be allocated an hour and a half to two hours.' He then went to the next bill and said, 'We had a bit of a discussion about this bill as well and we've decided that this is how long we should speak on it.'

**Mr Stevens** interjected.

**Mr MANDER:** That is exactly right; I take the interjection from the member for Mermaid Beach. This Labor government thinks that they can decide based on what is important to them, as opposed to what is important to the people of Queensland and members on this side of the House, because we want to speak on bills that are incredibly important to our constituents.

The member for Miller said, 'We consulted with the opposition. Of course, we consulted within our rules. We consulted within the parameters that we set.' It is as if they are good simply because they consulted and they listened, but of course that was done only within the parameters that they have already set.

The member for Miller then had the hide to talk about unity. The Premier would do anything to have the same support from her party that the Leader of the Opposition has from hers. In fact, the Premier would love to have that support from the cabinet. The Premier would love to have support from her Deputy Premier.

On this side of the House we are a solid and unified force that is determined to return this state to the democratic principles that we have been used to in the past, which means that members of parliament can stand in this place and speak for any amount of time on any bill without it being guillotined. We will not be lectured on integrity by that side of the parliament. As the Manager of Opposition Business has said already, we could speak week after week, for six months, about the lack of integrity shown by this government. We will have a chance to remind Queenslanders about the lack of integrity that this government has shown over the past five years. They have shown that they do not deserve to be re-elected. We will be a unified force working together to make sure that we see a change of government.

I am proud to be a member of this team. I am proud to serve with Deb Frecklington and our shadow cabinet. I am proud to serve with every other LNP member of parliament in this room. It is that unstoppable force that will see a change of government on 31 October.