



Speech By  
**Hon. Yvette D'Ath**

**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

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Record of Proceedings, 5 February 2020

**MOTION**

**Citizen's Right of Reply**



**Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (9.33 am), by leave, without notice:  
I move—

1. That this House notes report No. 196 of the Ethics Committee and the recommendation of the committee that a right of reply be incorporated into the record of proceedings; and
2. That the House adopt the committee's recommendation and incorporate the right of reply into the record of proceedings.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

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RESPONSE BY MS VANDA WIECZORKOWSKI, TO STATEMENTS MADE BY THE MEMBER FOR MUNDINGBURRA, HON. CORALEE O'ROURKE MP, ON 25 JULY 2019

On 25 July 2019 in Estimates Hearings, Minister O'Rourke made comments relating to my time as Director of Forensic Disability. I was the Director of Forensic Disability from October 2015 until June 2019. These comments have had a detrimental impact on my reputation and future career prospects.

I underwent a recruitment process for the role of director and was employed as a Senior Officer.

I reject any imputations that I was not suitably qualified for the role of director. My experience in forensic practice in Australia and the United Kingdom spans some 22 years. I have held numerous senior positions in that time and brought significant experience to the role of Director of Forensic Disability.

During my time as Director of Forensic Disability I have introduced processes to ensure compliance with the purpose of the Forensic Disability Act 2011 ('the Act'). These processes have greatly enhanced the quality of care provided to clients at the Forensic Disability Service, significantly increased public safety and will ensure ongoing compliance with the Act generally.

During my tenure as the Director of Forensic Disability my staff and I also worked tirelessly to ensure that clients of the Forensic Disability Service transition from the service. It was the work undertaken by my office and staff from the forensic Disability Service that led to the successful transition of six clients.