




Speech By
Hon. Yvette D'Ath

MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE

Record of Proceedings, 5 February 2020

MOTION

Citizen's Right of Reply

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (9.32 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

1. That this House notes report No. 195 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.

RESPONSE BY MR JASON SCANES, TO STATEMENTS MADE BY THE MEMBER FOR KAWANA, MR JARROD BLEIJIE MP, ON 30 APRIL 2019

On 30 April 2019 the Member for Kawana specifically named and implicated myself in a matter, in which in my position at the time (as CEO for Maryborough RSL), I had acted within the law and fully co-operated with police in their investigation into allegations against a staff member of the Member for Maryborough.

These statements by the Member for Kawana I believe have invaded my right to privacy, tarnished my reputation and adversely impacted both myself, my wife and family, including in a pecuniary sense.

I would like the Parliamentary record to reflect an accurate account of my professional conduct during this event (involving Ms Packer), as follows:

- As the former CEO of the Maryborough RSL, I note that members are monitored by CCTV whilst on Club premises.
- Out of obvious respect for privacy, these CCTV recordings are not made available on request by members of the public.
- The police may request the CCTV footage if they believe it will assist in their investigation to a matter that has been reported.
- In every instance during my tenure as the CEO, the Maryborough RSL, always, fully co-operated with police and provided any CCTV footage requested.
- This included the investigation police were undertaking into the allegations from Ms Packer.

I served this Country (Australia) both as a Soldier and an Officer for 19 years in the Australian Regular Army and have a distinguished Military record, including several commendations from the United States, for my service in Afghanistan. I will always stand up against violence against women or any other person. I stand by my reputation, community work, professional memberships and distinguished service to my country and I am deeply offended by these comments from the Member for Kawana.