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**MOTION**

**Business Program**

 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (11.25 am): While I choose not to use my entire five minutes, I want to put on the record that I kind of regret not being at the meetings myself when I see the dynamics between the member for Kawana and the Leader of the House and I hear the contributions from the member for Miller. It makes me wonder what is spoken about at the Business Committee meetings.

**Mr Bleijie** interjected.

**Mr JANETZKI:** I take the interjection from the member for Kawana: apparently not much. Certainly what is discussed there is not often borne out in the House. My underlying concern with the motion week after week comes back to the philosophical, that is, what we have seen over the past couple of years in the sessional orders and what has been removed from the opposition. We are at the end of another year of talking about this motion time and time again. We will continue to hear the same arguments from the member for Kawana because they ring true every week, week after week. When the sessional orders were first changed after the 2017 election, to make a point the opposition lost private members' statements, consideration in detail has been guillotined time and time again, debate has been guillotined time and time again, and family friendly hours have meant that regional members cannot get back to their electorates.

**Mr Mander** interjected.

**Mr JANETZKI:** I take the interjection from the member for Everton. They are family friendly hours for those representing city electorates but not for those representing regional electorates. They actually disadvantage significantly those of us who want to get back to our regional electorates.

The member for Redcliffe and the member for Miller might not like what the opposition have to say but we will keep saying it. We will keep arguing the case for a fairer go in this House. I refer to the bills before the House this week relating to the Olympics Games and police powers. The Olympic bill, for instance, should be spoken on by many regional members because everybody in the regions is interested to know what the Olympics will mean for their patch. It might be the Brisbane Olympics but all of Queensland is hoping to gain something from the Olympics. The regions deserve to have their fair say. I will not take up my entire five minutes, unlike my learned colleague the member for Kawana, but—

**Mr Bleijie:** Don't let them off the hook.

**Mr JANETZKI:** I am not auditioning for the Netflix series referred to by the member for Miller. Philosophically, this side of the House will never give up our right to put forward the interests of our people in this place. We will never ever give up the fight to make sure our regions, our electorates, are represented in this House. The government can rest assured that next year, when the debate on the business program motion comes up, we will be in here fighting for these issues.

Fundamentally, one of the main reasons we want to keep speaking on this motion is that we do not trust the government to manage the affairs of this parliament. Time and again, we have seen a misuse or abuse of parliamentary process. That is why the member for Maroochydore is our shadow minister for integrity, because we care so deeply about it. It is why the Leader of the Opposition has spoken about reforming the estimates process, because we care about parliamentary process, integrity and the estimates process. We will not ever give up defending the rights of the parliamentary process and to make sure that this side of the House has its voice heard. Next year the government should be ready for the opposition to be back fighting the business program motion stronger than ever and to make sure that everybody on this side of the House has their voice heard on any bill they choose to speak on.