



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


**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

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**MOTION**

**Coronavirus, Palaszczuk Labor Government Modelling**

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (5.05 pm): I do agree on one thing: it is time. It is time for the member for Mudgeeraba to say if she condemns the anti-vaccination sentiment of NPAQ, an organisation that she freely associates with. The member is all about choice. She freely associates with it as an organisation and says in this House, 'I want people to get vaccinated,' but she does not condemn that organisation—I assume she financially pays her membership; I assume the membership is not free. You are financially contributing to an organisation—

**Ms Bates** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Kelly): Member for Mudgeeraba, you are on a warning.

**Mrs D'ATH:** This is an organisation that the member opposite freely associates with which not only invited its members to go to a freedom rally, saying the protest was part of its campaign to defend members making their own choice on vaccines, but there were recordings and photographs of the event showing a number of anti-vaccination speakers alongside attendees holding placards such as a comparison of the Queensland Chief Health Officer, Jeannette Young, to Adolf Hitler. The member laughs. I note for *Hansard* that the member for Mudgeeraba thinks that is funny. Well done! The member should condemn—

**Ms BATES:** Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The comments from the health minister are offensive and I ask that they be withdrawn. I take offence.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Resume your seat, member. The House will come to order. I will take some advice. The member has taken personal offence. I ask you to withdraw.

**Mrs D'ATH:** I withdraw. The speakers at that event also promoted the false conspiracy theory that four children had died at a Sydney stadium after being vaccinated. We all should condemn that sort of behaviour if we are genuine about getting people vaccinated.

Those opposite say that we have to make sure that our hospitals are not overrun, that people can visit family and that people can go on holidays. They do not say, 'We want to make sure people are not dying from COVID.' They do not say, 'We want to make sure that we do not have over 100,000 cases.' Over 100,000 cases across the country so far are linked with that one case in New South Wales. They never talk about trying to avoid positive cases or trying to avoid deaths. It is always just about, 'We want to go on holidays. People want to travel over borders. We want to make sure that our health system is not overrun.' Well, condemn the comments from NPAQ. If they are genuine, if they are serious, which we are very confident they are not, the member for Mudgeeraba should not be a financially paying membership to an organisation that thinks this is acceptable.

They talk about modelling. I cannot believe that 19 months on those opposite are still saying, 'Show us the modelling and the analysis that supports your response to COVID-19.' Seriously! The response is that we have had 2,067 positive cases in Queensland since the start of this. We have had seven deaths. There is the evidence. There is enough modelling out there.

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Kelly): Pause the clock. Member for Maryborough, member for Lockyer and member for Burleigh, cease your quarrelling across the chamber.

**Mrs D'ATH:** They talk about modelling. We know that the initial Doherty institute modelling was released. We know that there was a national plan released based on the modelling. The national plan talks about the plan being based on the scientific modelling. It also says that the plan is based on the current situation and is subject to change if required. We know that national cabinet has updated modelling based on large outbreaks like those that we are seeing in New South Wales, the ACT and Victoria, but the modelling has not been released. We do not hear those opposite saying to Scott Morrison, 'Release that modelling as people deserve to see it.'

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Minister, table the document or read from it.

**Mrs D'ATH:** I am happy to table the document.

*Tabled paper:* Australian government document, undated, titled 'National Plan to transition Australia's National COVID-19 Response' [1740](#).

It is Scott Morrison who is not releasing the updated modelling on how to apply the rules when there are major outbreaks. It is easy to apply the rules when there is no outbreak, but what happens when there are major outbreaks?

The member for Mudgeeraba should also say whether she supports any legal action being taken to stop health workers having to be vaccinated. Is it okay that they are not? In New South Wales people have gone into the hospital system, contracted COVID and died. Some 115,000 health workers around the globe have died from COVID. We have a responsibility to keep our health workers safe. We have a responsibility to keep every patient who goes into our hospitals safe and reduce that risk. The member for Mudgeeraba, who likes to talk about her health credentials, does not talk about vaccinations for health workers, does not talk about NPAQ, does not talk the—

**Ms Bates** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Order! Pause the clock. Member for Mudgeeraba, you are on a warning. You can leave the chamber for one hour.

*Whereupon the honourable member for Mudgeeraba withdrew from the chamber at 5.11 pm.*

**Mrs D'ATH:** Those opposite are absolute hypocrites. This motion is just a stunt of theirs. They should be condemned for their behaviour.