



Speech By  
**Deb Frecklington**


**MEMBER FOR NANANGO**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Comments by Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and  
Minister for Rural Communities**

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (7.12 pm): I would like to briefly address the disgraceful, misogynistic behaviour of a male Labor minister against females in this House. It does not matter who that slur was against, it should not have happened in this House. It should not happen outside of the House. There is no place in this House for that type of vile language to be spoken to a female. I can see the puzzled looks over there. That is exactly what is wrong with the Labor Party. Ten years ago Julia Gillard stood in the federal parliament and spoke about misogynistic behaviour. Have a look at the misogynistic behaviour! It was the minister who sat in the federal Labor Party with Julia Gillard at the time. It is obvious he has not learned anything.

I ask you, Mr Deputy Speaker, what is the Queensland Premier going to do about it? Does the Queensland Premier think that a simple apology which did not even include what he said—and I will tell you what he said, Mr Deputy Speaker. That Labor minister said to a female on this side of the House, ‘You stupid, dopey woman’—

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Kelly): Order! Pause the clock. Resume your seat while I take some advice. Member, you cannot repeat unparliamentary language or language that you have claimed is inappropriate even if you are quoting it. I would ask you to continue your contribution without repeating the statement to which you are referring.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** It is language against a female that should not be repeated in this House. There is no place for it. I, for one, am sick to death of the fact that this Labor Party government—all of them—sit over there and judge this side of parliament. They judge the opposition all the time. There are double standards. If a male on this side said it about a female on that side, just imagine. All of them would be lining up saying all sorts of bad things about it. The pile-on would happen. Where is it from over there now? There is complete radio silence. Look at them: all of their heads are down. Surely the Premier must come in here and reprimand that minister. It is unacceptable.

That man calls himself the farmers’ friend. I can say right here today that no farmer would ever disrespect a woman like that. It is an honour and privilege to sit in this House, and to speak about a woman on this side of parliament just because she is part of the opposition! I say enough is enough! Enough is enough from you Labor people. You think it is okay for you to say it—

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Comments will come through the chair.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** Well, how about they come in here and apologise and do it with meaning. The minister could not even repeat what he said, it was that disgraceful. Thankfully, the microphones did pick it up. That is the only reason why, after arguing, he came into this House. It is about time the Premier apologises.