




Speech By
Jarrold Bleijie

MEMBER FOR KAWANA

Record of Proceedings, 31 March 2022

PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT

Coronavirus, Hotel Quarantine; Government Owned Corporations, Anacta

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.00 pm): There is one certainty in life and it is that Labor know how to waste Queensland taxpayers' money. We have seen it again today with the announcement that they have spent over \$20 million on hotel quarantine despite having told Queenslanders in February that hotel quarantine was finished and that the last people had left hotel quarantine. They gave the impression that it was all over and that anyone who had to go into hotel quarantine would be going to Wellcamp. We exposed today in question time that, although Wellcamp is underutilised, they keep using hotel quarantine because Wellcamp is too far away for the isolation provisions that the state Chief Health Officer directs under—and get this—the Queensland health directives. This morning they blamed the federal government, but the people who go into quarantine and isolation are there because of the state health directives, not the federal health directives. If we are going to blame anyone for the wasted money that the quarantine system is costing taxpayers, it is the state Palaszczuk Labor government and not the federal government. Today we see again their waste of money.

Let us talk about corruption risks in Queensland. This morning we questioned the Premier and the government about the QBCC having to engage Labor lobbyist Anacta to speak to their own minister. This morning the Premier stood up and said that no-one should have to go and see a lobbyist. What about her own government department and government owned corporations going to Anacta? Anacta has donated money to the tune of over \$168,000 to the Labor Party while government owned corporations such as the QBCC are having to pay a Labor lobbyist to see Labor ministers. How disgraceful! That is such a corruption risk. Not only is that a corruption risk; Dick Williams is the QBCC board chair. He was also president of the Labor Party when Evan Moorhead was state secretary. They are mates. He was his boss. Now we have Evan Moorhead from Anacta getting money from the QBCC. That is absolutely dodgy. There should be a full investigation into the Labor lobbying links and the donations that Anacta makes.

Talking about dodgy, let's talk about Jackie Trad. Yesterday we asked the Attorney-General about trying to hide the CCC report. I thought she would have said, 'I'm sorry, we shouldn't have done it. We shouldn't have granted the legal assistance.' But, no! What did the Attorney do? She complained that whistleblowers told the opposition about it. They do not want people to know that Jackie Trad is spending taxpayers' money hiding a CCC report.

Government members interjected.

Mr BLEIJIE: No doubt the left wingers over there are the ones interjecting because they want Jackie back and that is why they are hiding her corruption.

(Time expired)