



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR LYTTON**

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## **INTEGRITY AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

### **PUBLIC SECTOR BILL**

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (11.59 am): It is really great to speak in this really important cognate debate. I just remind everyone here—and those who happen to be bothering to listen to the member for Kawana—that this man is the deputy leader of their party. What an embarrassment! He is not fit to be the member for Kawana, let alone the deputy leader.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Krause): Member for Lytton, direct your comments through the chair, please.

**Ms PEASE:** He is not fit to be the deputy leader of the LNP.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Lytton, please direct your comments through the chair.

**Ms PEASE:** I am, Deputy Speaker. Thank you for your guidance.

How disappointing that we have to listen to this. After the terrible morning we have had here, this is the performance we see from the deputy leader. It is 'Bleijie-ja vu' another time. The Palaszczuk government is committed to ensuring the public sector is a fair employer and is responsive to the needs of the community and the government. I acknowledge the many hardworking public servants who live in the bayside. I know firsthand the important work that they are doing, serving the public of Queensland. I know what a difference they make each and every day to all Queenslanders and those in the bayside—from our teachers and school staff to those who work in Transport and Main Roads, Maritime Safety Queensland, RoadTek, QBuild, Fisheries, TAFE, Energex, Fair Trading, QFES and QPWS to health workers and paramedics.

These people are also important to the running of the state. What would they think if they had to listen to that ridiculous tirade from the member for Kawana? They would be shaking their heads. They would be dismayed to hear that absolute debacle of a speech. We want to protect and make things better for our public servants, who do so much each and every day for our communities. Public servants come and speak to me and say that they still have no trust for the LNP because of what it did to them, their families and their communities. Everyone in my community knows someone given the sack by members of the LNP, and they have long memories. Some 85 residents of the Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit lost their home due to this opposition. They had to find somewhere else to live because the opposition decided, 'We'll just close that; we don't care about those people.'

**Mr CRANDON:** Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I do not believe that the member is speaking to the bills that are on the *Notice Paper*. She has been going everywhere else. I ask you to bring her back to the bill.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Martin): Thank you, member. I think the debate has been relatively broad from both sides. I remind the member to stay relevant to the bill.

**Ms PEASE:** Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker; I appreciate your guidance. Perhaps the reason the member is trying to stifle my debate is that he does not like what I have to say. Perhaps the member for Coomera does not like what I am saying because it is the truth and it hurts. What about constituents in his electorate who lost their jobs under the LNP government? He was a member of a government that sacked 14,000 public servants. Healthcare workers and others—you name it—were all gone with the flick of a pen. This bill introduces security, recognition and support for public servants.

Not only were 14,000 people sacked but also my electorate lost Child Safety, Housing, Wynnum Hospital, mental health services and the human resource services that ran out of the Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit. Not only did people lose their jobs—they had no job security—but it sucked out a whole group of people who used to shop locally. All of my businesses were impacted because of the number of people they got rid of in my community. My bayside constituents have very long memories and they will never forgive you for what you have done. No matter what you say, do or try to hide, you will constantly be remembered. This fight will constantly be remembered, because—

**Mr POWELL:** Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. On multiple occasions the member for Lytton has directed her comments at members directly and not through the chair.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Yes. Member for Lytton, I would ask if you—

**Ms PEASE:** Thank you for your guidance, Mr Deputy Speaker. My dad, Jack, was the assistant state secretary of the state public service union. He proudly represented corrective services workers back in the bad old days of the Bjelke-Petersen era. This opposition is providing a reflection of those days. Let's not forget what they did during their tenure. What about the member for Warrego, the only person in our parliament to be admonished for lying and misleading?

**Mrs GERBER:** Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. Unparliamentary language was used. I ask that it be withdrawn.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Lytton, the use of that word is unparliamentary. I ask that you withdraw.

**Ms PEASE:** I withdraw. I remind everyone: the member for Warrego was admonished for misleading the House. The member for Warrego was admonished because she leaked information from the PCCC. Let us not forget what actually took place there. The member for Warrego is the only member of our parliament to be admonished—absolutely disgraceful. I find it an absolute joke that members of the opposition stand up here and engage in virtue signalling about how great they are and how terrible we are. Will we go back and talk about all of the terrible things they have done? I know that the member for Bulimba spoke about that yesterday. I can run through them again if they have forgotten. Shall we do that?

We have heard about the sacking of 14,000 government workers, including 4½ thousand health workers, and about how they slashed \$288 million in unemployment programs, including the incredibly successful Skilling Queenslanders for Work. They axed \$368 million in grants through the department of communities to supported Queenslanders in need of assessments. They removed \$120 million in funding to community groups—

**Mr MICKELBERG:** I rise to a point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker. Under standing order 236(1), the member is being tedious and repetitious. She herself has acknowledged that this has already been contributed to the debate by the member for Bulimba. She is simply repeating another list that the member for Bulimba contributed yesterday.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** No, there is no point of order.

**Mr RYAN:** Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I seek guidance on your ruling. Earlier today in question time the member for Buderim was warned for raising frivolous points of order. You have now ruled against one of his points of order. I ask whether or not that predicates your acting on the previous warning from the Speaker.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I do not agree that this was a frivolous point of order.

**Ms PEASE:** I would like to correct the member for Buderim. The member for Bulimba was listing another list. I am talking about the cuts. I am happy to talk about the lack of integrity of those on the other side of the House. I have already spoken about the member for Warrego and her claim to fame. Let's not forget about the member for Mudgeeraba, who was appointed the minister for the arts and who could not even manage to write her own maiden speech. She had to get someone to do that. That is not the worst in her history. Her son was actually—

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Ms PEASE:** No. I am reading from a list which is easily accessible, and it is my speech so I do not have to table it. The list reads: Michael Caltabiano—he needs no explanation; Bruce Flegg; Mark Brodie; Karreman Quarries; Sibelco; the Newman gagging orders; condensing estimates—that was a

disgrace; failure to declare meetings with lobbyists; attacks on the judiciary—it goes on and on. Here we go, we can do another 'Bleijie-ja vu' moment: the member for Kawana, the power to determine prison time.

Let us not forget what Minister Ryan spoke about today in terms of their cutting of funding when it comes to child sex offenders. How disgraceful it was to release them early so that they could go out and again be predators on the most vulnerable in our community.

I grew up during the Joh Bjelke-Petersen era. What a terrible time that was. My family were unionists. It was a corrupt, horrible time. These people opposite are a product of that. That is in their DNA. They are members of a party that lie—sorry, mislead—

**An opposition member:** Withdraw.

**Ms PEASE:** I withdrew.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Martin): Pause the clock. Member for Lytton, I would ask that you withdraw that unparliamentary language.

**Ms PEASE:** I withdraw. They mislead on a regular basis. Russ Hinze was the minister for everything. That must be in their DNA because we have the former prime minister who was the minister for everything. This is their quality. The Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition are not fit to be in this place, nor are they fit to stand up and debate these bills as they did. What an embarrassment for their backbenchers. They must be feeling embarrassed. I see that they are shaking their heads in dismay that this is the best they have.

I am proud of the Palaszczuk Labor government. I am incredibly proud of my Labor family. My father was a proud union man. My mother was a proud activist. My great-grandfather was a deputy premier of Queensland. We care about people. We care about public servants. We know how valuable they are. We care about integrity. We fight every day for each and every Queenslanders. We look after people. We care for people. We are as honest as the day is long. I commend the bills to the House.