




Speech By
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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (7.16 pm): Misusing the integrity of registered charities and indeed a local church for political gain has to be one of the lowest acts a politician can do to get re-elected. Registered charities and churches are the heart and soul of our communities and they work to help the vulnerable in our communities. They are above politics and they are not partisan. Incredibly, we have now seen many instances of charities and a church being misused for political votes by federal members of parliament. The lack of ethics is a disgrace. Trevor Evans, the member for Brisbane—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr BAILEY: I notice that all of the interjections, the yelling and the screaming are coming from the LNP because the people who are doing this are LNP federal members of parliament. On his material Trevor Evans used the Pyjama Foundation without permission. Arts Access supports artists with disability and their representative has said that their comments were not meant for election material. Those are two clear instances of Trevor Evans misusing charities to get votes. The lack of ethics and a moral compass is extraordinary. Now Julian Simmonds has been caught out doing the same thing—

Opposition members interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member for Coomera, the member for Everton and the member for Chatsworth will cease their interjections.

Mr BAILEY: Julian Simmonds has put out a letter, with his authorisation on it, from a Kenmore parish. That has necessitated the Archdioceses of Brisbane saying that no permission was given for that letter to be used in election material. The Archdiocese of Brisbane has had to come out and say that. What a disgrace! They are both LNP members of parliament. Why would they do it? Probably because they are following the lead of their Deputy Leader—

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member for Coomera is warned under the standing orders.

Mr BAILEY:—Josh Frydenberg, who has done the same thing on his material, using Guide Dogs Victoria. If the leaders of your party have no ethics, no moral compass and are misusing charities to get votes, I guess it is a bit of a team effort.

I note that the one thing that brings together those three people without ethics—Frydenberg, Trevor Evans and Julian Simmonds—it is that they are all members of the LNP. Who are the people yelling and screaming across the chamber as I am talking about a matter of ethics and misusing charities? It is LNP members! Isn't that surprising? As Liberal Senator Fierravanti-Wells said, the Prime Minister is a bully and has no moral compass. Neither does his deputy leader, Josh Frydenberg, Trevor Evans and Julian Simmonds and they deserve to be kicked out.