




Speech By
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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (11.21 am): I rise to support the Leader of the House. This is, again, sensible management of parliamentary business as per normal in jurisdictions right across this country. I saw the member for Glass House speak just before me but I could hear the member for Kawana. I congratulate the member for Glass House on his new role, but he clearly has not found his own voice or his own response. It is sad to see the opposition opposing a sensible, orderly approach to business and—

Mr Watts: And silencing the opposition. A sensible, orderly silencing—that is what is required. That would be preferred, wouldn't it?

Mr BAILEY: The member for Toowoomba North interjects. He should be careful.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Hart): The member for Toowoomba North will cease his interjections.

Mr BAILEY: There were big swings against the LNP in Toowoomba recently—very big swings—but I digress.

Mr Watts interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Member for Toowoomba North, you are under a warning.

Mr BAILEY: What we need is a modern parliament that takes into account family-friendly hours. The lack of women on the opposition bench is reflected in their continual obstruction of modern parliamentary procedure, which is normal right across this nation and internationally. They are behind the times not just on policy, on net zero, on the environment and on women but also on values.

If they really think having lots of speakers reading out the same tired, dusty old notes from the LNP opposition office—often very similar contributions—is some kind of profound contribution, I disagree. They need to prioritise, like any government, like any opposition or, indeed, like any crossbench, what they speak on and value. This is normal procedure. I endorse the motion moved by the Leader of the House.