



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR MILLER**

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**MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST**

**Crime and Corruption Commission, Investigation Workshop**

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (2.10 pm): That was my old school! That was a triumph of volume over quality if ever I have heard a speech.

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Order! I know you interjected on your own speaker. We will hear this speaker in silence.

**Mr BAILEY:** Since the last sitting of parliament a very important report has been brought down: the Crime and Corruption Commission's Investigation Workshop, July 2022. I am sure all members have read it closely. If they have not, they should. This is the report into five months of outlandish claims by the Leader of the Opposition that a laptop was seized in a raid on 27 January, the Premier authorised a 'goon squad' and information was erased. It is like something out of the Kremlin in Russia. The Leader of the Opposition said that integrity and accountability had been trashed. These are extraordinary and serious claims. I refer members to points 57, 81 and 82 of this investigation by the independent watchdog. I will read points 81 and 82. This is the report from the independent watchdog.

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr BAILEY:** Those opposite may not want to hear it, but these are the facts. The report states—

81. While the reimaging gave rise to a risk that relevant records may have been lost, the backup processes employed meant that this risk was relatively small. Further, nothing has occurred since to suggest that risk materialised.
82. In light of the above, the commentary which has suggested that laptops were 'seized' and 'wiped' as a result of a 'raid' on the Integrity Commissioner's offices is, in the CCC's view, a mischaracterisation of what occurred.

The truth is here in this report. The Leader of the Opposition's credibility has been dismantled by this report. It has been shredded. He made these claims up; they were reckless. He offered no evidence, and when it was fully investigated by the watchdog he is shown to be misleading this House. There was no raid. There was no seizure. There was no goon squad.

If integrity matters then stop hiding, Leader of the Opposition, and come out and acknowledge the truth and apologise to this House, which has been misled. It is time for the Leader of the Opposition to acknowledge the truth, to apologise and correct the record today. If he wants to be more than a 'little Newman', he needs to start behaving with some integrity and correct the record here today. He has been found out and exposed by the CCC. His outlandish overreach on this matter was always going to come home to roost. It was always going to come back to the facts, and the facts and the truth are that this is not an integrity inferno: this is a case of a little boy crying wolf once too often—the member for Broadwater and the Leader of the Opposition. His outlandish claims day in, day out at media conference after media conference and consistently in this House are matters on the public record. He has been found to not be telling the truth.

I say to the Leader of the Opposition that, if he has any integrity—he talks about it a lot—now is the time to walk the walk, because this report has shown that in the last five months he has not been telling the truth. He has been making outlandish claims. This has been an extraordinary case of overreach by somebody who should know better. He is not telling the truth about this matter.

You cannot come into this House and make things up and mislead this House. I will be writing to you, Mr Deputy Speaker, about this matter because I believe that the Leader of the Opposition and the member for Maroochydore, who repeated a lot of these claims, have misled this House. I will be writing to you about this and asking that the matter be further investigated, because I believe it has been a dishonest performance by the Leader of the Opposition. This House has rules of conduct and rules of integrity, and they have been broken by the Leader of the Opposition in a disgraceful, outlandish piece of overreach by somebody who is experienced in this place. He has served as a cabinet minister. There is no excuse of ignorance here. It is deliberate. It is disgraceful. He should apologise and acknowledge the truth in this report. He should do so today if he has any spine whatsoever.