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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (11.19 am): Those opposite are so chagrined that the member for Glass House gave about a 37-second speech. They were caught cold leaving early last week, scarpering out of the parliament before it adjourned, after they vehemently said, 'We need more time. Democracy! We have to speak more. We're being denied. We're being cut down. This is antidemocratic.' When it came down to it, a bunch of them scarpered off early, before parliament had risen—lazy, lazy, lazy. They have no discipline.

The Leader of the Opposition said that he would be different. It was one of the first things he said. What we see is that those opposite always oppose this motion for ridiculous reasons. This is the ordinary management of a parliament. They put up spurious arguments like, 'We need more time to speak. There is not enough time for debate,' and then they leave early! Either opposition members are not listening and do not care—that shows that they are not a real team and are not disciplined, which is quite possible—or they are openly defying any orders. Maybe they do not have any orders to stick around until the end of parliament. That is even worse. Which is it? It is lack of discipline? Is it ignoring the Leader of the Opposition? Does the Leader of the Opposition have no standards whatsoever when it comes to members leaving before the parliament rises?

This is one of the most embarrassing attempts at opposing the business program motion I have seen, and that is saying something. I have heard a lot of speeches from the member for Kawana that have been embarrassing. The member for Glass House spoke for about 37 seconds and sat down, hoping that this would blow over. He knows that the opposition has been humiliated and embarrassed. They were caught cold during the last parliamentary sittings when we had a late division and some of them were gone. They were not here earning their salary; they were out of here. The LNP had checked out.

Let's not hear this nonsense from those opposite. If they wanted to be different, the LNP would stop wasting the parliament's time with arcane tactics set by the member for Kawana when it comes to the procedural business program motion and would do something that is professional.

This is the normal management of parliamentary business. LNP members should stay to the end of the parliamentary sittings. They should earn their money for a change. All members are elected to sit in this House, not leave the parliamentary precinct to go wherever they went—to the pub, to the cafe, to a restaurant or wherever. They left early. They were not doing their job. The lack of discipline, focus, effort and commitment from those opposite is humiliating, yet they want to run this state. They will not even do the basic job of sitting—

Honourable members interjected.

Mr BAILEY: It is not even a case of sitting in the House. They only had to be on the precinct. Members can be productive and do whatever they want in their office—do research or develop a policy. They could do that!

An honourable member: Sit on Twitter all day.

Mr BAILEY: You could even be on social media. I take that interjection. Give us a tweet or a social media post. You only have to be on the precinct. The opposition failed miserably during the last sittings. Opposition members are all quiet. They all suddenly have something else to do. They know that they have been embarrassed and humiliated. I support the motion. The opposition has been exposed as a rabble, ill-disciplined and lazy. You can see it on their faces.