




Speech By
Ray Stevens

MEMBER FOR MERMAID BEACH

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MOTION

Voice to Parliament

 **Mr STEVENS** (Mermaid Beach—LNP) (11.35 am): With one minute's notice, I have been given this motion which shows you the contempt with which this government is handling this parliament. It is about arrogance, hubris and political point-scoring. The least they could have done was give us forward information that they were going to do this. It highlights the arrogance of this government and the way that they treat this parliament as their plaything with their numbers, and they can do that in this unicameral parliament. I have a question for the government members over there: hand on the heart, how many members of the government have read the Uluru Statement from the Heart in full? One, two—there are quite a few that have not.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Martin): Through the chair, please, member.

Mr STEVENS: There are quite a few who have not, Mr Deputy Speaker, and I have not, yet I am asked to vote on something that I have no idea about with one minute's notice.

Ms Fentiman interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Attorney-General, please cease your interjections. The member will be heard in silence.

Mr STEVENS: I might well want to vote in the positive manner. However, I cannot vote on something I know nothing about. I have not read the Uluru statement. As our leader said, the Prime Minister is taking it through a considered debate, asking different people from different areas whether it should go forward. This will be a constitutional referendum, as I understand it. With one minute's notice, to come in here and say, 'How are you going to vote on the Uluru Statement from the Heart?' is a load of rubbish from an out-of-touch, third-term government that does not deserve to be in for the fourth term. They are arrogant. There is hubris. Just ask Campbell Newman what happened to arrogance. Just ask Campbell Newman. In 20 months time, you will see what will happen for this sort of malarky to be carried on through this parliament. You are making an absolute shame of this parliament doing these sorts of political tricks. It is absolutely ridiculous. This government has no respect for this parliament. They just use their numbers for cheap political points. It is absolutely disgusting.

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