




Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR MURRUMBA**

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## MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

### Integrity in Government

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure) (2.10 pm): Well, another day, another crazed rant from the Leader of the Opposition: more conspiracy theories, allegations, faux outrage, more mud, more attempts to drag the reputations of hardworking public servants through the dirt and, more disturbingly, more untruths, more statements that the member knows are not true, no new evidence, nothing that has not been or is not being investigated, and we know that because if there were he would have referred them to the CCC, the standing royal commission where these things should be investigated.

If we strip away his dramatic high school debate club rhetoric, he does not even have a single allegation linked to a member of the executive government. The one claim he is clinging to is the one he knows is not true—the supposed seized laptop. The Public Service Commission has stated very clearly—

At no time did the Public Service Commission 'raid' the offices of the Integrity Commissioner. At no time did the Public Service Commission 'seize' anything from the Integrity Commissioner. A laptop was provided to the CCC at their request.

Would members not expect that if the Public Service Commission was asked to provide a laptop as evidence it would do so? There certainly is not any evidence—even allegations—of the kind of bribery or corruption that led to the first Fitzgerald inquiry.

The Leader of the Opposition talks about the darkest days since the Bjelke-Petersen government three decades ago; he should know very well because they were the three years of the Newman-Crisafulli government. Even if they were true, the allegations made by the Leader of the Opposition do not compare to the Newman government's actions. He cannot accuse us of sacking the PCMC in the middle of the night, because they did that. He cannot accuse us of hiding donations, because it was him who voted to increase the donation thresholds to hide donations. That was you. We reduced it; you voted against it. You cannot accuse us of slashing CCC funding, because it was you who did that. You cut the scrutiny of the estimates committees from two weeks to two days; we brought it back. You cannot accuse us of doing favours for Karreman Quarries after it donated \$75,000, because that was you. We did not amend the law to allow Sibelco—

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Kelly): Address your comments through the chair.

**Dr MILES:**—to extend its mining lease until 2035 after it spent \$91,000 on Campbell Newman's Ashgrove campaign, because that was the LNP. We did not use ministerial powers to rezone privately owned land on the Maroochy River against the wishes of council and departmental advice, because that was the LNP. I did not fence off part of the Ross River riverfront to give myself an exclusive gated river frontage. No, that was the Leader of the Opposition. Then when he was local government minister he signed off on the sale of public land by Brisbane City Council to an LNP donor without going to tender for more than \$100,000 less than market value. That was not us; that was them.

We will not be lectured to about integrity by those on that side of the House because he was there. He was as crooked as the rest of the Newman government's ministers and there is so much evidence of it and nothing that he has accused us of in recent week comes anywhere near close.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Pause the clock. Deputy Premier, there was some unparliamentary language in there. I would ask you to withdraw.

**Dr MILES:** I withdraw. Even if the most ridiculous allegations he has made were true, they would not compare to the hundreds of integrity questions that people have over the LNP and continue to have over the LNP, and that does not even come close to its federal counterparts being so afraid of integrity that they will not even deliver on their own election commitment to bring in a federal ICAC. He might think he has got something, but he has got nothing.