




Speech By
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STATE PENALTIES ENFORCEMENT (MODERNISATION) AMENDMENT BILL

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (3.59 pm): We are about to have this debate guillotined so I have about two minutes to contribute. This is another classic example of how they just squash democracy. I want to speak about the RTA changes in the bill. This is a solution to a problem that we do not have. On this part of the bill, there was little or no consultation with the major stakeholders. Consultation is not after the bill has been put before the committee; consultation happens before a bill is put together. The REIQ—the tenants union, the bastion of the Labor Party—was not consulted about this, the RTA would not have been consulted about it, and I do not think the Minister for Housing was consulted about it either.

This shows the arrogance of this Treasurer. This is a Treasurer who cannot be trusted. There is no transparency. We know what they have done in the past with figures, and that is why there is doubt about what they are doing. There is not a problem. The RTA has never had a financial issue. The RTA has never failed to pay a bond, so why is the Treasurer doing this? He has not mounted a credible argument as to why there needs to be change. That is what adds to the suspicion. He has the arrogance to come before this House and give the shadow Treasurer a warning letter that basically says, 'Be careful what you say. Be careful about how you try to make this government accountable.' That is what this Treasurer does. His arrogance is breathtaking.

Mr DICK: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I find the words personally offensive and I ask him to withdraw.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Lister): Member for Everton, the Treasurer has found your remarks offensive. Will you withdraw?

Mr MANDER: I withdraw. What did the REIQ say? They said—

We consider these proposed changes to be extreme, unjustified and unnecessary.

And the words 'extreme, unjustified and unnecessary' were highlighted in bold. With such a significant change, how many lines do members think were in the explanatory notes about this? How many sentences? There were three sentences in the explanatory notes about the changes that this government is trying to sneak through on a bill that has nothing to do with the RTA. It is a disgrace. It is an absolute disgrace.