



Speech By  
**Deb Frecklington**


**MEMBER FOR NANANGO**

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**MOTION**

**Business Program**

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (11.28 am): I will be opposing this motion for good reason. I was sitting here thinking about whether we really need to speak on it, but after the two government ministers talked about the fact that it is just the normal process of the House, I would like to remind them that it should not be the normal process of the House which is exactly why we have this motion every sitting week. The one point I really want to talk about this week, because I think it is most upsetting, is that there are 10 sites across Queensland that are the subject of a revocation motion to be moved in this House. The Manager of Opposition Business, I understand, went into that committee meeting in good faith to request more time than the 40 minutes that have been granted in the name of democracy to the opposition. I mean, it has to be granted to us; it is not like we have been duly elected by our constituents to be in this place!

We have been granted 40 minutes to speak on a matter, and the Manager of Opposition Business rightfully argued that more time needs to be given for that debate. There are 10 revocation sites across Queensland and yet the government granted only an extra 10 minutes. I put it to this House that that simply is not enough time considering that in this House this week we will be honouring the legacy of a former premier, Mike Ahern, with a condolence motion. Those two issues that the minister just spoke about of course will delay debate on the bills that are before the House. As the Manager of Opposition Business spoke about, after we debate bills in this House there are always questions that should be asked within consideration in detail. However, the government consistently guillotines the debate, knocking its own members off the list, knocking our members off the list and not allowing enough time for that consideration in detail.

With that short contribution, I again plead with the House to have some consideration for the people who did elect us to this great House and give us the ability to be what we are meant to be right now, which is an opposition—

**Mr Power** interjected.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** I take that interjection from the member for Logan. Whilst I was about to sit down, I do have another two minutes and 13 seconds to use. The member for Logan just accused me of using this speech in the last couple of weeks. I would like to remind the member for Logan—and I will have to correct the record—that I do not think I spoke on this motion last sitting week. In the one I did speak on—the time before—I certainly did not speak about the issue of 10 revocations across the state because it was not put before the House in that business program motion debate. However, it is in this motion this week. The shadow environment minister is sitting there madly typing away trying to work out how he is going to do all of that within the short period of time that has been granted to us, yet the member for Logan wishes to extend this debate. I am happy to oblige.

We know that democracy has been hard fought for and it is incumbent upon all of us to represent our constituents in the best way possible. That is why I will not be supporting the government's motion today.