




Speech By
Hon. Di Farmer

MEMBER FOR BULIMBA

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 **Hon. DE FARMER** (Bulimba—ALP) (Minister for Employment and Small Business, Minister for Training and Skills Development and Minister for Youth Justice) (11.20 am): I rise to speak in support of the motion. I stood in for the minister yesterday and it all seemed to be very agreeable. What the Leader of the House has put up is an excellent way of making sure that members get to speak on some really important bills. I know that in my own electorate the issues that are going to be debated are incredibly important and I want to make sure that I have enough time to speak about them.

As always, the Leader of the Opposition—in fact, you can pick anyone from the opposition—just talks for the sake of it. Those opposites are just absolute whingers, and here we go—blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. It does not really matter what they say. It is a bit like this document that they put out. I reckon their campaign manager said to them, ‘Okay, David. You’ve got to write 10,000 words’—

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I have two points of order. Firstly, I ask that the Deputy Speaker direct the minister to call members by their correct title. Secondly, I would ask you to bring the member back to the motion.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): I am just going to take some advice. Member for Nanango, in terms of how you phrased that point of order, directing the Deputy Speaker to do anything is not within the standing orders, I would think. You certainly can raise those points of order. I agree with your points of order. I would ask the minister to come back to the substance of the motion.

Ms FARMER: I thank the Deputy Speaker for his guidance. The point I am making is that we have an orderly way to make sure we are debating some very important bills this week. The opposition is whingeing just for the sake of it. Its members just talk and talk and talk. They are taking up the time of the House by whingeing. They whinge on principle. Whingeing is in their DNA. Let us get on with the business of this House. That is what Queenslanders want us to do. They want us to get on with the business of the House, the business of government. How about we just get on with it instead of whingeing? They just whinge on principle.