




Speech By
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MOTION : BUSINESS PROGRAM

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (11.26 am): I rise to support the business motion and to also refute the previous speaker's assertions that somehow they were their laws. They will not be. That is a fact. They will not be the laws that were put in by the previous government. The member for Glass House needs to be careful about misleading the House about a matter that he knows not to be true.

These laws have been thoroughly collaborated on and worked on and they deserve to have community scrutiny. What we are seeing here today is an opposition which has got form. Last time they were in power, they did a lot of things late at night in this parliament. All of a sudden, they sacked the parliamentary PCCC committee. They took drastic measures at short notice with no consultation when they were in power, and they are now suggesting that the community should not be consulted about these important laws and that the parliamentary committee process should not be consulted about them either. The LNP are putting forward to this House their usual approach in terms of a lack of consultation and a lack of scrutiny on laws that are important. These laws will be important for this state. They deserve better than to be rammed through this chamber, in the same way the LNP did when they were in power for that short period.

They are not in any way their laws, and they know that to be true. We believe these laws are very good, very well researched and very well collaborated on. We believe in them, but we also believe they should get scrutiny from the parliamentary committee process and from the community who have a lot of interest in them. The opposition is effectively arguing here that neither one of those things should happen.

When the Leader of the Opposition says, 'We're going to be different this term,' but then comes in and contradicts himself and goes back to the same old disrespect for parliamentary process and the same old disrespect for consulting and involving the community in a process of looking at these laws, we know that they speak with forked tongues. We know that nothing has changed from an opposition that have got form. They are not straight with people. We know the Leader of the Opposition's form on the laptop. Day in, day out, at media conference after media conference, we were told that the laptop was a seizure, that it was a raid, that there were goons involved, and we know that was not true and the PCCC report showed that not to be true.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Pause the clock. Member, I will bring you back to the substance of the debate.

Mr BAILEY: What I am talking about here is integrity. The fact is these laws need to be scrutinised by the community, they need to be scrutinised by the parliamentary committee process, and the Premier has given commitments that once those important processes and inputs have happened, then those laws will be put to the vote here in the parliament. That is a government that believes in working in collaboration to ensure that occurs.

The LNP have not changed one iota from the Newman government era. They do not believe in parliamentary committee process. They do not believe in the community having input and having time to scrutinise laws that they are very interested in. We can have as much rhetoric from the opposition as we like, but it is actions that matter, and the actions of those opposite show that they have learnt nothing from eight years in opposition because they do not believe in scrutiny of this legislation.

I endorse the motion from the Leader of the House. There are a range of bills that are important to debate this week, including the treaty bill, which is a very important one, and these bills deserve to be scrutinised. They do not deserve to be not scrutinised on the LNP whose processes and whose behaviour shows they have learnt nothing since the Newman government. It is still the Newman government style. There are so many Newman government leftovers over there, in their shadow cabinet, so we know nothing has changed over there. Nothing has changed. I endorse the motion.