




Speech By
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MOTION

Business Program

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services) (11.24 am): I rise in support of the motion. We have just heard a five-minute rant from the Manager of Opposition Business about everything that was not in the motion. What we have before us is the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Surgeons) Amendment Bill, the Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill and the Water Legislation Amendment Bill. That is what the motion is about. We have seen a return by the member for Glass House and Manager of Opposition Business to the old member for Kawana days. It is very disappointing really. There is no originality there. What we are proposing is simply the management of the House—similar to any other chamber in a modern era—in terms of family-friendly hours and dealing with things in a timely manner.

We need all members and parties to be disciplined about whom their speakers should be and to ensure we do not have those endless, repetitive speeches where members literally read out the same speeches verbatim, ranting on, not making an original contribution. People have to prioritise; that is what they should do. This motion is not about what might have happened last time or years ago. We can go back to the Newman government era for a very long list of travesties against parliamentary procedure. They were masters at it and the member for Glass House was involved. He was a minister for the three years they trashed parliamentary democracy, so you will have to forgive my scepticism when I hear him suddenly flip and become a paragon of virtue when it comes to democracy. I do remember his record all too well, as do all members on this side of the House.

This is a straightforward business motion. It ought to be supported. I do not wish to take up any more of the chamber's time. Let's get on with debating the substantive motion and not the arcane procedural debates the LNP specialises in.