




Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

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 **Mr HART** (Burleigh—LNP) (2.00 pm): This will be old news to some, but in October next year, I will have had the privilege of being the member for Burleigh for 12½ years, and it is time. I decided two years ago that this would be my last term, and I thought I would make this announcement about a year out to give the LNP time to find a new candidate for Burleigh and someone to assist David, Jarrod and the frontbench team to form government at the next election and end the chaos and crisis that is this government. For the next 12 months, there are a number of things I want to focus on. There are a number of things that I want to see happen in my electorate; there are a number of things that I do not want to see happen in my electorate, and I will continue to advocate for both of those things.

I would like to say thank you to my colleagues who have expressed the opinion that they may miss me, even some in the Labor Party, which may surprise a lot of people. I just hope, given I am here for another 12 months, that those people still feel that way in 12 months time. I will have more to say next year when I get to the end of our term, but I want to thank my long-term staff—Renee, Anna and now Karen. Karen is filling in while Anna is away on maternity leave.

Sometimes being a member of parliament impacts on our family more than it impacts on us, so I want to return to being a full-time husband for Sally—she deserves it; I want to return to being a full-time father for Tim, Jess and Hayden, and their partners, Aimee, Simon and Anna; and mainly I want to return to being a full-time poppy to Joshua, Isla, Cameron, Boston and our new Aurora.

I am looking forward to the next 12 months. I am looking forward to the big decisions that I will make after October next year. I am looking forward to those big decisions being between board shorts or golf shoes rather than what colour tie I will wear or what colour suit I will wear. Thank you to all of those who have talked to me in the last week since I have made this announcement. I look forward to working with you all over the next 12 months. Thank you.