




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR MIRANI

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ADJOURNMENT

Member for Logan

 **Mr ANDREW** (Mirani—PHON) (7.18 pm): I would like to refer to the contribution of the member for Logan on the serious vilification and hate crimes bill, in which he mentioned me many times. The member for Logan should stick by his words instead of being a hypocrite, as he is, because he came to my office, accosted me and told me that the South Sea islanders are not disadvantaged.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Lui): Excuse me, member. You used unparliamentary language. I ask you to withdraw.

Mr ANDREW: I withdraw.

Mr BROWN: Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. There is a bill before parliament and the member has had an opportunity to contribute to debate on that bill. I think he is—

Mr ANDREW: I am talking about the conduct.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Mirani, order!

Mr BROWN: I believe that he is straying back into the bill itself.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member, I will allow you to continue with your speech without making any reference to the bill.

Mr ANDREW: I was accosted at my office and told that Australian South Sea islanders are not disadvantaged people. It has happened in this place not once but many times. Clearly, you should practise what you preach. I do not hold any grudges. I do not go anywhere and make accusations about anything, but today I did not like what I heard, how the situation unfolded and how my name was mentioned. Because we are South Sea islanders, we forgive and forget these things. It is not fair to make comments like that and then come into the House and say things about how other people should conduct themselves. I have already talked to one of the ministers about that situation and other situations like it involving the same member. I would like to put that on the record. If you have a whole heap of things to say about certain issues and conduct, you need to actually live that life.