




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MEMBER FOR BUDERIM

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ADJOURNMENT

Member for Nicklin

 **Mr MICKELBERG** (Buderim—LNP) (10.12 pm): With contributions like that from the member for Nicklin is there any wonder that their local community is embarrassed to have him as their representative? Is it any wonder they are embarrassed that he has only just blown in, moved in and does not know what is going on in his community? The member for Nicklin is a disgrace.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): I am going to take some advice.

Mr Skelton interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Before I go back to the member for Buderim, I believe somebody used some extremely unparliamentary language.

Mr SKELTON: I withdraw.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Buderim, in the interests of getting us all home, I ask you to move on with your contribution.

Mr MICKELBERG: I will continue with my critique of the member for Nicklin. The people of Nicklin can judge him by his actions. This is the standard of the member they have representing them. This is the standard of the Labor members of parliament.

There is no police officer in Kenilworth. What have we heard from the member for Nicklin about it? Nothing! Instead, what does the member for Nicklin do? He goes on Facebook and abuses local business owners raising concerns about their community. Let's compare and contrast that with the LNP's candidate for Nicklin, Marty Hunt, a man who has served that community for over—

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Resume your seat.

Mr MILLAR: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Before I deal with the point of order, member for Maryborough, you used extremely unparliamentary language. I would ask you to withdraw.

Mr SAUNDERS: I withdraw.

Mr MILLAR: That was my point of order.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members, we are almost there. I will start warning and removing people. I remind the House that many people are under a warning in this chamber already.

Mr MICKELBERG: Marty Hunt is a man who has served the community of Nambour for over 25 years, 17 years as a police officer—

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Pine Rivers and member for Townsville, you are warned under the standing orders.

Mr MICKELBERG:—running the PCYC. What did Marty Hunt do when he lost the last election in 2020? He went back to the Police Service to serve his community as a school-based police officer in Nambour. That shows the calibre of Marty Hunt compared to the calibre of the man we just heard speak in this parliament.

Mrs McMahon interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Macalister.

Mr MICKELBERG: On 26 October, the people of Nicklin will have the opportunity to judge this blow-in from Brisbane against a dedicated community champion like Marty Hunt—

Mrs McMahon interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member for Macalister is warned.

Mr MICKELBERG:—and I will back Marty Hunt in every week because I know Marty Hunt has the interests of his community at heart. I know Marty Hunt cares about the people of Nambour, Mapleton and Kenilworth and he knows what is going on in his community.

What have we heard from the current member for Nicklin about the issue of the duplication of Sunshine Coast rail right through to Nambour? Bear in mind this is a Labor government commitment that they said would be done. They committed to it in 2018 and they have still not laid a single piece of line. What have we heard from the member for Nicklin? Bear in mind it is his community that is missing out. Nothing, not one word! What have we heard from Marty Hunt? He has been tirelessly campaigning for his community and tirelessly fighting for the issues that his community cares about.

The people of Nicklin will have their say on 26 October and I am confident they will judge correctly. It is time to show Rob Skeleton the door in '24.