




Speech By
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MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Member for Broadwater

 **Hon. SM FENTIMAN** (Waterford—ALP) (Minister for Health, Mental Health and Ambulance Services and Minister for Women) (2.11 pm): I find the Leader of the Opposition's contribution today perplexing on a number of fronts. He started off by talking about the very disturbing crimes that we are seeing in the border town of Goondiwindi. We absolutely want to make sure that community is protected. That is why we introduced an urgent bill today for a cross-border commissioner. Those criminals—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order, members!

Mrs Gerber interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I am just going to take some advice. Member for Currumbin, I was clearly on my feet and you continued to interject. You are warned. Member for Waterford, I would remind you of the standing orders around anticipation of debate. The matter you are referring to is on the *Notice Paper* for debate this week, so I would ask you to be very careful in your contribution in relation to that matter.

Ms FENTIMAN: My point, Mr Deputy Speaker, is that if the Leader of the Opposition was so concerned about what was happening in Goondiwindi he would not have voted against that being urgent because this is critical and it is a priority, so shame on those opposite. The Leader of the Opposition wants to talk about victims. What about the victims of his own personal misconduct? Have we seen the list of creditors—pages and pages and pages—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, you will table that document or you will put it down.

Ms FENTIMAN: I am happy to table the list of creditors when the Leader of the Opposition was the sole director of a company that owes Queensland small businesses millions and millions of dollars.

Tabled paper: Document, undated, titled 'Southern Edge Training Pty Ltd (In Liquidation) creditor list' [1538](#).

Today I am speaking on a significant matter of public interest. The Leader of the Opposition has come in here today and tried to clear up these allegations. In fact, I think his contribution has raised more questions. He refuses to stand up in front of journalists today and answer questions. He says that nothing has changed since 2017. I will tell members what has changed since 2017: the fact that PwC has released a report that says at the time the Leader of the Opposition was the sole director of this company it was trading whilst insolvent—a criminal offence that attracts years in jail—and he has still refused—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Order, members!

Ms FENTIMAN: And it is clear that none of them knew about it—absolutely none of them knew about it. Perhaps if the LNP spent less time vetting its candidates, particularly women candidates, about their sexual histories—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, again, read from it or table it.

Ms FENTIMAN:—and more time vetting the Leader of the Opposition's business dealings and the fact that he was trading whilst insolvent, they would not all be surprised—

Mr Millar interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, member for Gregory.

Ms FENTIMAN:—today when all of these allegations came out.

Mr Millar interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, member for Gregory.

Ms FENTIMAN: The Leader of the Opposition comes in here and says, 'This is a dirty campaign by the Labor Party.' I am sorry, but these were articles published by an investigative journalist from the ABC.

Mr Millar interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Resume your seat, please, Minister. Member for Gregory, you are warned under the standing orders. I tried several times to get your attention to let you know that your interjections were getting out of hand, so you are warned under the standing orders. Members, there are far too many interjections. I am going to continue to warn people and I will ask people to leave.

Ms FENTIMAN: He still has refused to answer questions. Did he know that SET Solutions was insolvent at the time that he kept it trading? Did SET Solutions ever return an actual profit, or was it just creative accounting? How many small and family businesses are still owed money? I can tell the House that one of those creditors was St John Ambulance. St John Ambulance is still owed money by the Leader of the Opposition because of his time as the sole director of SET Solutions. Who rips off St John Ambulance? I will tell members who: the Leader of the Opposition, David Crisafulli. That is who rips off St John Ambulance and businesses like Sunstate Personnel in Daisy Hill or the Mansfield Hotel in Townsville. He does not care about Townsville. He has already cut and run from Townsville.

Mr CRISAFULLI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I take personal offence at what the minister was saying and I ask that those comments be withdrawn.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member has taken personal offence. I would ask you to withdraw.

Ms FENTIMAN: I withdraw. There are many Queensland-based businesses that the Leader of the Opposition has left high and dry. Perhaps most shocking are the revelations today that more than \$100,000 was left owing to the Australian Taxation Office. How many workers were left without having their superannuation paid? How many workers in Queensland and across the country did not get their superannuation because the Leader of the Opposition, David Crisafulli, did not pay his tax bill for SET Solutions? As we have heard today from a PwC report, not only has he failed to answer questions about the fact that the company was trading whilst insolvent; there are now three instalments—

Mrs Frecklington: Say this outside.

Ms FENTIMAN: I take the interjection from the member for Nanango. I have said this outside and I will continue to say it outside until the Leader of the Opposition answers questions because Queenslanders deserve to know. The whole situation is just so dodgy, with \$200,000 in hush money—

Mr CRISAFULLI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. Again I take personal offence. The minister continues to use my full name. We all know exactly why she is attempting to do that. She has form using videos and I ask the minister to withdraw.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member, points of order are not an opportunity to enter into a debate. Minister, I will remind you about the conventions around using people's correct titles in this chamber. I did not hear that, but if that was the case I would ask that you do that. The member has also, I think, taken personal offence. I would ask you to withdraw.

Ms FENTIMAN: I withdraw. I again remind the Leader of the Opposition that since the first ABC article was published—the second ABC article reveals payments to the liquidators—he has refused to answer questions about why he did not list this on his register of interests.

(Time expired)