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Multicultural Communities

 **Hon. AJ CAMM** (Whitsunday—LNP) (Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (3.59 pm): I want to acknowledge the Filipino community in the gallery today. We have an incredible Filipino community in the Mackay region as well who do incredible things across our community.

We cannot stand by and not call out poor leadership and behaviour when it is unacceptable and does not meet community standards. That is what we saw from the Leader of the Opposition in his social media post on 22 September. It was live for hours and it was not deleted until the next day. The fact that it was deleted demonstrates the Leader of the Opposition's lack of leadership and the pressure that I hope was put on him to pull down that post.

What we saw in those international riots was abhorrent. The fact that a former premier of this state used a social media platform and his position to incite violence and call on people to rise up, walk the streets and cause civil unrest is disgraceful. He speaks of his federal colleagues. The federal Labor colleagues have condemned their own colleague Lidia Thorpe. I want to acknowledge Tanya Plibersek for calling out Senator Thorpe for shouting that absolutely irresponsible comment of 'Burn down Parliament House'. Amanda Rishworth said that the comments were clearly inappropriate.

Will the member for Jordan, the member for Inala, the member for Cooper and the member for Waterford call out and condemn the Leader of the Opposition for inciting violence in his social media post, or will they stand by him? That is what the women of the Labor Party do. They are happy to call out, grandstand and virtue-signal to the state, but when it comes to their male colleagues over there they are silent. The women of the Labor Party are weak. The shadow minister for multiculturalism should not hold her portfolio. She should be ashamed to go into multicultural communities knowing that she endorses and stands by the Leader of the Opposition. At least the federal Labor members have some gumption and conviction—unlike the female members over there, who will stand by the Leader of the Opposition and his failure.