



Speech By
Hon. Brent Mickelberg

MEMBER FOR BUDERIM

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 **Hon. BA MICKELBERG** (Buderim—LNP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (4.47 pm): Since coming to government, our government has uncovered the violence and the intimidation that has been allowed to fester in the militant CFMEU for far too long—violence and intimidation—

Mr de BRENNI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order—

Mr MICKELBERG: Come on, mate! We know you are lacking relevance, but come on.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Krause): Member for Buderim, those comments are disorderly. I caution you: do not repeat that. Manager of Opposition Business?

Mr de BRENNI: Relevance.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you for your point of order. The member has only just commenced his comments and, in particular, just that line. I hear your point of order. I have not heard enough to rule it to be not relevant at this point. Member for Buderim, I am sure you will remain relevant.

Mr MICKELBERG: This violence and intimidation opened the door for organised crime in the construction sector, stopped honest tradies and contractors going about their daily work, delayed major projects and resulted in Queenslanders sitting in traffic longer than they would have otherwise. This behaviour and culture was aided, abetted and enabled by the member for Murrumba, the former premier and former deputy premier.

Mr de BRENNI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order on relevance. It is clear that the minister does not intend to address the substance of the motion or the amendment and I would ask you to remind him of his obligations.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Krause): Thank you, member, for your point of order on relevance. Member for Buderim, if you could come to the relevant point of your contribution that would be appreciated.

Mr MICKELBERG: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I am more than happy to. If you would just let me get through 20 seconds more, we will be there. It is unacceptable—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will give you some guidance, member for Buderim. I understand you are able to provide some context to your contribution, but please bring it to a relevant point as quickly as you can.

Mr MICKELBERG: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, for your guidance. Violence and intimidation, a culture of those who are the Labor Party's paymasters, the CFMEU, presided over by—

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

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Pause the clock, please. Manager of Opposition Business, I understand your point of order. I have just given guidance to the member for Buderim. You have interrupted him again in the sense that I have not been able to hear the point that he is trying to make to provide relevance. I ask you to resume your seat, please, and I will hear the member for Buderim and the point that he was beginning to make.

Mr MICKELBERG: Much like his CFMEU paymasters, the member for Murrumba has stooped to incitements of violence and intimidation, calling for Queenslanders to take to the streets just as they have done in Nepal, Indonesia and the Philippines. Dozens of people died in Nepal during violent protests and public buildings were set alight and destroyed. Looting and arson attacks have played out on the streets of Jakarta in Indonesia. In the Philippines, hundreds of people have been arrested and many more were wounded.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Buderim, in accordance with the order of the House, the time for debate on this motion has expired.