



Speech By
Dr Christian Rowan

MEMBER FOR MOGGILL

Record of Proceedings, 20 May 2025

MOTION

Citizen's Right of Reply



Dr ROWAN (Moggill—LNP) (Leader of the House) (9.40 am): I move—

1. That the House notes report No. 234 of the Ethics Committee tabled on 7 May 2025 and the recommendation of the committee that a right of reply be incorporated into the *Record of Proceedings* and published by the Legislative Assembly as an attachment to the former Community Support and Services Committee's public hearing transcript dated 31 July 2024, and
2. That the House adopt the committee's recommendation and incorporate the right of reply into the *Record of Proceedings* and publish the reply to the former Community Support and Services Committee's public hearing transcript of 31 July 2024.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

RESPONSE BY MS RENITA GARARD TO STATEMENTS MADE BY MR ANDREW HOPPER ON 31 JULY 2024

On 31 July 2024, during the Community Support and Services Committee's Estimates Hearing, the then Director-General of the Department of Tourism and Sport and now Director-General of the Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games, Mr Andrew Hopper, referred to me in a way that I was readily identifiable as the "... then chair of the advisory board".

Mr Hopper was being questioned during the hearing by Hon Tim Mander MP about the changes to both the governance structure of the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) and the employment status of the then QAS CEO. Mr Hopper was asked by Mr Mander ... "Director-General, what consultation occurred with the advisory board about those changes?". Mr Hopper replied ... "I had a conversation with the then chair of the advisory board."

I was not consulted at all prior to the decision being made by Mr Hopper on the changes to the governance structure of the QAS, nor was I consulted on the decision made by Mr Hopper relevant to the employment status of the then QAS CEO. Mr Hopper informed me of the changes following his decisions having already been made and after the decisions had been actioned by him.