



Speech By  
**Hon. Deb Frecklington**


**MEMBER FOR NANANGO**

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**MOTION**

**Queensland Redistribution Commission, Appointment**

 **Hon. DK FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity) (5.35 pm): I move the following amendment—

That all words after 'That this House' be omitted and the following paragraphs inserted:

1. notes the history of gerrymandering in Queensland, initially introduced by the Hanlon Labor government in 1949.
2. notes that redistribution of electoral boundaries by an independent authority was a key outcome of the Fitzgerald inquiry and the Electoral and Administrative Review Commission.
3. condemns the member for Murrumba for defaming a public servant who has served for multiple decades under both Labor and LNP.
4. notes the former Labor government's efforts to corrupt the electoral process by changing the voting system in defiance of Fitzgerald era recommendations and their installation of a financial gerrymander that favoured their union donors.
5. notes the makeup of this committee of a judge, a director-general and the Electoral Commissioner is the same as that appointed by Labor in 2017.
6. notes the LNP Crisafulli government has ensured appointments to the Queensland Redistribution Commission are truly independent and beyond reproach.'

Mr Sosso has spent 41 years in both the state and the Commonwealth Public Service. Our government is miles and miles ahead of this Miles. Seriously, it is like overtaking a parked car. This opposition leader has already given up. We have now heard where it came from. I heard it came straight out of the caucus. Here is the leak, the one that completely disrespects everyone in this chamber. This is a man who served for 2,268 days—six years and two months—under which premier? Wayne Goss, the one who cleaned up issues during the Fitzgerald inquiry. His head is down now. Mr Sosso instructed the drafting—

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** I cannot hear the Attorney-General.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:**—of key pieces of integrity legislation for whom? The Goss government. During Mr Sosso's time as a public servant he was well respected by the Labor Party, the Criminal Justice Commission and the Queensland Electoral Commission; that is his history.

Let's look at the directors-general those opposite appointed. In 2006 there was a director-general of Education, Rachel Hunter. What would she know about electoral redistribution? Let's remember what the CCC said: 'That's the one Cameron wants.' Let's go to the director-general appointed by the Labor Party in 2016.

**Ms GRACE:** Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order regarding proper titles. That is all.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Minister, if you are using props, we do not use props.

**Ms Grace** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Sorry, I misunderstood you. You said proper titles.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** When he was the former treasurer and the CCC reported, it was 'Cameron'; thanks for highlighting it though, member for McConnel.

Let's look at who the Labor Party appointed for the electoral redistribution. It was their director-general, Liza Carroll. What was she the director-general of? That is right; the Leader of Opposition Business's public housing. Let's see about Liza Carroll and her connections to the Labor Party. I will table this article, where it talks about the QBCC awarding more than \$400,000 in contracts to a consultancy firm linked to the minister's former director-general over seven months.

This is who the Labor Party put on the electoral redistribution back in 2016. I think the Leader of the Opposition needs to get some staff in his office and stop leaking to the *Courier-Mail* about a consultation process involving a respected public servant who has spent his entire life serving the people of Australia and Queensland.

The Leader of the Opposition has already tabled the letter back to me. He has already given up on his job as opposition leader. Who does he want me to consult with? Legislation says it is the leader of the opposition; he wants me to consult with his shadow attorney-general. Are we learning something here tonight? Is this already the appointed next leader of the opposition?

*(Time expired)*