



Speech By
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 **Mr SULLIVAN** (Stafford—ALP) (12.31 pm): I start by requesting an apology from those opposite for the disgraceful way they are conducting themselves. This is not a test of leadership for the Leader of the Opposition; this is a test of decency and the lack of from those opposite.

I sincerely thank the people of Stafford for the privilege of being re-elected as their representative in this House. It is a community I love. It is where I went to primary school and high school. It is where we are now raising our own kids. I apologise for my absence in recent sitting weeks but I have been working hard in the community since my election.

I thank my leadership team for giving me the time and space to address my health issues. I thank members of the House from both sides for reaching out to offer a word of support. Considering the conduct of those opposite today I will not name them, but they know who they are and I sincerely thank them. Indeed, the same goes for locals and my own branch members who have been very generous and supportive, as well as local LNP members. In fact, even ex-staffers from the Newman years reached out to give their support, showing much more leadership than the current Premier. It will not make the front pages, but people with opposing political views can actually still be decent human beings to each other.

I thank the local community leaders who have reached out: principals, P&C presidents, community groups and sporting groups that are the lifeblood of our community. Thank you to my dedicated EO staff for their unwavering commitment to the community service that they provide, particularly during sitting weeks. They really are a dream team. I thank the professionals—the doctors, nurses, allied health and support staff—at the Brisbane Private Hospital for their care and support. With their help, I am a better dad and a better husband.

That leads me to thank my family—my parents, my wife and my kids—for their patience and support. In particular, to our six-month-old beautiful girl: I do not intend to be just a good dad; I intend to be that for many years to come. It should go without saying that anyone who knows me knows that I have done opposition before. We have seen a one-term tory government before and let's see it again.