



Speech By
Hon. Meaghan Scanlon
MEMBER FOR GAVEN

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MOTION

CFMEU, Administration



Hon. MAJ SCANLON (Gaven—ALP) (11.41 am): I move the following amendment—

That the motion be amended to remove the words 'supports the legislation' and insert 'supports Labor's legislation'.

I do not know what planet the member for Maroochydore is on because she was in this parliament when we, in fact, passed laws that support this very motion. I know she has been around for some time. I would have thought she would have figured out how parliament works by this stage but evidently not, based on that contribution, because, of course, these are Labor's laws.

I found the contribution in particular by the member for Bonney quite interesting. He was very interested in the ALP state conference. I thought it might be interesting to have a look at the LNP state conference and what some of those opposite might support as well. Of course, we have here that the LNP support repealing or amending section 124A of the Anti-Discrimination Act to prevent the misuse and suppressing free argument on matters of public importance. Does he support that? Does he support amending the Anti-Discrimination Act so more people can say racist things?

Mr O'Connor: Did you walk out? That is the question. I reckon that means you stayed. There you go—you stayed!

Ms SCANLON: I take the interjection from the member for Bonney. The motion put at that conference is what the law is. Your motion supports it. Evidently, you have no idea what the motion is or what the laws are that we all voted on in this parliament. As every speaker has said, we are in furious agreement that these laws were the right laws to enact to ensure that we have safe workplaces and that unions act with respect and decency.

Mr O'Connor interjected.

Ms SCANLON: What the member for Bonney does not want to talk about are the unhinged people in his political party who put forward motion after motion that drags this state backwards. Then, of course, we had the gender ideology motion. That one was: 'that this convention of the LNP calls upon the state conference to repeal a discredited and harmful gender ideology from all laws and institutions in Queensland'. I wonder if that is what influenced the health minister, or apparently the director-general, because there was apparently no intervention whatsoever on that decision.

Mr O'Connor interjected.

Ms SCANLON: I take the interjection from the member for Bonney because I know he does not like us bringing it back to his track record. We also had the motion that called on the convention to essentially repeal merit-based selection processes and ensure we actually had women in positions of authority. The Deputy Premier can come in here and talk about respect for women in the workplace. Your own political party evidently does not support women. That was demonstrated by the fact that you have paused respect at work legislation that was designed to put a positive obligation on employers, so save me the fake outrage about women.