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 **Mr HUTTON** (Keppel—LNP) (4.59 pm): The speed of communication should never outpace the safeguards that protect truth; however, we who sit in this room know that that is rarely, if ever, the case and that the challenge we face in this digital age is digital defamation. Social media has fundamentally reshaped how individuals, families, organisations and entire communities communicate. In many cases, the impact of social media has been positive. It has allowed for new communities of interest for which geography holds no bounds; however, the speed and the scale—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Furner): Member for Keppel, I apologise for interrupting you in your detailed examination and contribution. In accordance with the provisions of the order agreed to by the House, I call the Attorney-General to reply to the debate.