




Speech By
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Multicultural Communities

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (4.34 pm): This is a mediocre, immature government, and that is on display every single day. This is a government that is focused on petty politics and setting their mates up for cushy jobs. Where were the voices of the LNP when Nazi-led rallies were marching in our streets—rallies that erupted in violence across our nation? The only person opposite I have heard talking about Nazis is the member for Barron River, and that was when she stood next to a defaced banner of her own face with a Hitler moustache and said, ‘Even my banner is getting in the spirit and celebrating my German heritage.’ Shame.

The Premier chose not to publicly condemn the anti-immigration protests that took place on our streets. The member for Maroochydore was silent, gagged—just like she has been on women’s reproductive rights. These protests specifically targeted and vilified hardworking immigrants and Queensland multicultural communities. On this side of the House we called out these rallies and we asked for the Premier and the minister to do more. We wrote to them asking for specific safety measures, and those calls were left unanswered. The silence from this government is deafening. They had the opportunity to condemn racially motivated protests, but they did not. The Deputy Premier even defended the protests. He was happy to launch into politically motivated attacks against the Leader of the Opposition. The LNP seek to use multicultural communities as a political battering ram.

The Leader of the Opposition’s video called out the LNP’s dodgy jobs-for-mates culture, and that is what the LNP are really offended by.

Mr Bleijie: Well, put it back up then. No problem. Put it back up. Repost it, Nikki.

Ms BOYD: I will take the interjection. It exposes the adversarial fixation they have with the Leader of the Opposition. Instead of condemning corrupt behaviour, the LNP have leaned further into it and appointed even more of their mates to cushy jobs. When given the choice to condemn hate speech, the LNP squibbed it.

Let us talk about the LNP doing deals with the One Nation party here in Queensland. The Labor Party will never do deals with One Nation. We will always put them last. We will do that in the Hinchinbrook by-election. We demand that David Crisafulli and the LNP rule it out. One Nation should be last. Racial vilification should always be called out. It is a shame that those opposite, who have had the opportunity to do that over many sitting weeks, instead have come into this place with their adversarial fixation on the Leader of the Opposition and used this as a political issue. Queenslanders are not fooled by this. They see straight through it. I say to the Premier and to the Deputy Premier—

(Time expired)