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 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (2.25 pm): A \$17,500 donation has hit the LNP coffers. The generous individual was one of their own. Weeks after making the donation, the former LNP MP for Barron River, Michael Trout, was charged with two counts of assault occasioning bodily harm and one count of unlawful stalking. Meanwhile, the current member for Barron River—the beneficiary of the donation—is laughing all the way to the bank.

Today in this place, the Premier refused to condemn LNP member Michael Trout—a man found guilty of punching an innocent woman in the face. If you are wondering what the price tag for his silence is, wonder no more. It is \$17,500. So much for standing up for victims of crime. The thin, disingenuous veil has been lifted this week. We knew the LNP were cooking the books on victim numbers, but the extent of the doctoring and secret manipulation has been laid bare in this place.

Almost one year into their term, it is plainly obvious that the LNP are more interested in themselves—their self-preservation, their pursuit of power and their own egos. It does not just extend to every single LNP member elected to the government benches; they are setting their mates up in cushy roles too. LNP members and donors are being elevated to government boards and Public Service positions. The Minister for Finance told the House that the jobs-for-mates era was over. Misleading much? Lofty heights were reached by a laundry list of mates, some even political candidates and lobbyists—hacks like Andrew Cripps, Peter Matic, Julian Simmonds, Michael Hart, Lachlan Millar, Jeff Seeney, Christopher Lehmann, Vivian Grayson and Jane McNamara. The list goes on. ABC News reported—

At least 34 taxpayer-funded executive jobs and board positions have been handed to LNP donors, former politicians, candidates, colleagues and party operatives since the party came to power ...

I table that article.

Tabled paper: Media article, dated 15 October 2025, titled 'LNP government criticised over new "jobs for mates" appointment of party powerbroker' [1600](#).

Given the rates of holidays that those opposite are taking, I would estimate that to be a job for a mate every week they are actually at work. It is clear that the LNP is giving kickbacks to their mates in return to do their bidding. There is no integrity in this operating model. They are taking money off mates who clock innocent women in the face and showering their now indentured taxpayer employed mates with the cushiest of jobs. Make no mistake: you cannot be on the take without being expected to give under the LNP's model of operation. The losers in the LNP's self-serving operating model are Queenslanders. The LNP promised they would govern with integrity and it is clear they only want to govern for themselves. They are taking us back to the bad old days.