




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR MERMAID BEACH

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ETHICS COMMITTEE

Report

 **Mr STEVENS** (Mermaid Beach—LNP) (10.12 am): I lay upon the table the following report of the Ethics Committee, report No. 240 titled *Matter of privilege referred by the Speaker on 22 May 2025 relating to an allegation of publishing a false or misleading account of proceedings before the House by the member for Cooper*.

Tabled paper: Ethics Committee: Report No. 240, 58th Parliament—Matter of privilege referred by the Speaker on 22 May 2025 relating to an allegation of publishing a false or misleading account of proceedings before the House by the member for Cooper [1999](#).

The committee made the following recommendations to the House—

Recommendation 1

That the House make a finding of contempt against the member for Cooper for breaching a condition of the Broadcast Footage Terms and Conditions in accordance with section 58(3) of the POQA and that the member for Cooper make an unequivocal apology to the House at the earliest opportunity.

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Recommendation 2

That the Committee of the Legislative Assembly, or the Clerk, review and amend the Broadcast Footage Terms and Conditions, as a matter of urgency, to reflect the widespread use of social media by members of Parliament.

While social media offers great opportunities to communicate with our electorates, we must use it responsibly and in line with the broadcast terms and conditions. Members posting excerpts of proceedings on social media must place those excerpts in context to avoid misrepresentation. Dealing with allegations of breaches of the broadcast terms and conditions requires significant resources from the Office of the Clerk, the Office of the Speaker and the committee when matters are referred to it. This would be largely avoidable when members take care to use the proceedings of this House appropriately and within the rules.