




Speech By
Hon. Shannon Fentiman

MEMBER FOR WATERFORD

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 **Hon. SM FENTIMAN** (Waterford—ALP) (11.35 am): It is always great to follow the member for Maroochydore, the Minister for Women, in debate on a motion that we are furiously in agreement with because this was our legislation. I am not sure that the Deputy Premier cottoned on to the fact that it was the Labor government that supported the federal Labor government in putting the state registered union into administration. We are all in furious agreement. I would like to point out that the member for Maroochydore quite rightly talked about how important it is for women to feel safe at worksites. Again, we are all in furious agreement, except for the fact that her LNP government paused indefinitely respect at work laws that kept women in the workplace safe. Where is her outrage at her own Attorney-General for scrapping respect at work laws? As we can see, there is no real concern for women in the workplace; otherwise, she would be advocating very strongly for there to be better protections for women who face sexual harassment at work. However, that is not what this is about. Given the fact that this was our legislation, that is not what this is about. This is more shameless political pointscoreing but not done very well. It is not very effective, either. It is not very good.

Opposition members interjected.

Ms FENTIMAN: I take all of those wonderful interjections: try harder, get up earlier, do better. That is what we say as we all furiously support this great motion from the Deputy Premier. In his contribution the Deputy Premier waxed lyrical about the Labor Party state conference so I thought we should also look at the LNP's state conference, because they had some really choice debates. They are furiously against net zero despite the fact that some in their parliamentary caucus are supposedly very pro net zero, although most of them are not.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Krause): Member for Waterford, I ask you to please enlighten the House as to how this is relevant to the motion.

Ms FENTIMAN: I would very happily like to enlighten you, Deputy Speaker. In moving this motion, the Deputy Premier talked at length about the Labor Party state conference. The motion does not talk about the state conference—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: I bring you back to the motion, member for Waterford.

Ms FENTIMAN: Those opposite do not want us to talk about any of the things that happened at their state conference and the fights they had, including that paid DV leave is too generous. I have not heard the Minister for Women talk about that. Instead, they come in here and move a motion that we furiously support because it was our government that took action as we believe every worker deserves to be safe and respected at a worksite. That is why we took action to place the union into administration and that is why we passed respect at work laws that they should also pass.