




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR EVERTON

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 **Hon. TL MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games) (5.07 pm): The member for Springwood continues to embarrass himself every time he rises to his feet. Of course he would suggest that they want this debate closed down because nobody there wants to speak about this. He has spoken only through obligation as the Manager of Opposition Business. Some poor mug has to get up and he thought, 'It may as well be me.' They do not want to speak about integrity and transparency, and that was the hallmark of their government over the last 10 years. The Deputy Premier talks about the fact that he has been waiting for three years. The health minister talks about the fact that he has been waiting for four years. I referred this issue about Jackie Trad to the CCC in 2019 when we—

Mr Crisafulli: Six years.

Mr MANDER: I will take that interjection from the Premier. That is because we had an incredibly credible whistleblower who tipped us off about this selection process that was incredibly suspect. The former deputy premier of this state, Jackie Trad, had a track record with this type of behaviour. We all remember the house that was bought near the Cross River Rail station, an issue which was brought out in estimates.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Can we just halt for a moment. Member for Aspley, you are on a warning. You can leave the chamber for one hour.

Whereupon the honourable member for Aspley withdrew from the chamber at 5.08 pm.

Mr MANDER: We all remember the estimates hearings when it was revealed that she referred herself to the CCC. I think we might have got in first on that particular one and then she quickly did a self-referral. Then she said, 'Then I rang up the CCC chair on the Saturday. I rang him up at home, after being referred to the CCC, to let him know he will have my full cooperation.' Please!

Mrs Frecklington: I think it was on the Sunday.

Mr MANDER: That's right. I think he said he was in his trackie daks doing that. This is the hubris and the arrogance of the former member that she felt she could personally ring the CCC chair about her own referral. That was the first one. The second involved the principal of West End State School where again somebody tipped us off, somebody who—

Mr O'Connor: A whistleblower.

Mr MANDER: A whistleblower, thank you. I know a lot about whistleblowers. Somebody tipped us off that a successful applicant had been appointed. Guess what? They decided then that it would be appropriate for the successful applicant to meet, some might say be re-interviewed, by the local member. Guess what? That person did not go through. Somebody else made it. Who was that local member? The local member was the former deputy premier. This is the arrogance that the former government had, thinking they could get away with anything. Of course, we have the matter that we are talking about at the moment which was the appointment of the under treasurer. Again somebody let us know. Good people in the government, good public servants who were sick of what they were seeing, let us know that there had been sneaky business once again. For the last few years, as my colleagues have previously mentioned, those opposite have done everything possible to suppress the truth.

Mr Crandon: Including blocking debate.

Mr MANDER: I will take that interjection from the member for Coomera. They have done everything possible to stop the facts being revealed, but today that stops. Today that stops so that the parliament itself, the supreme body that acts for the people of Queensland, can know the findings of that CCC hearing.

Mr Minnikin: Let the sunlight in.

Mr MANDER: Let the sunlight in—I will take that interjection. As I think the health minister said, and I agree with it, the roosters are finally coming home to roost. They are coming home to roost, not just with this issue—

A government member: Chickens.

Mr MANDER: Is it chickens, is it? I always get them mixed up.

Mr O'Connor: It is very similar.

Mr MANDER: Most roosters start as chickens. Do they not roost? Whatever.

Mr O'CONNOR: He was the ag minister then. You should ask him. Can primary industries give an answer on that?

Mr MANDER: Today we are going to find out the truth. This is a great motion, and it is about time the former government was brought to account.

(Time expired)