



Speech By  
**Hon. Amanda Camm**

**MEMBER FOR WHITSUNDAY**

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 **Hon. AJ CAMM** (Whitsunday—LNP) (Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (2.21 pm): I want to thank the good people of Mackay—a third of whom are in my electorate—for the alert they provided to residents on the Mackay crime watch page. I know the member for Mackay shares this concern with me. We saw the Deputy Leader of the Opposition driving around the Mackay Hospital car park last week. It was quite hilarious—

**Mr Nicholls:** First time he's been there.

**Ms CAMM:** I take that interjection from the health minister. I think it is the first time he has been to the car park. He drove around and filmed himself while he was looking for a park. I then read the social media comments from locals right across the Mackay region, including from former Labor voters who had voted for Labor for over 100 years but who saw the former Labor government deliver nothing for our Mackay Hospital except chaos and crisis—in the maternity ward right through to the car parking debacle, let alone the helipad issue. When we were in opposition, we campaigned for that helipad to help people when they needed it. I want to acknowledge the good work the health minister is doing in supporting our region and the broader region that relies on that health service. I am very pleased with the work he is progressing with the car park, the helipad and the Hospital Rescue Plan.

The Deputy Premier spoke about those opposite vying to be the next Leader of the Opposition, and those auditions are well underway. The member for Gaven is on her socials and out there engaging with the broader community, testing that new brand to see how it goes. We saw the Deputy Leader of the Opposition block the comments because I do not think he liked the feedback he received from the Mackay constituents when he came to Mackay. They have not forgotten the Labor government and we will continue to remind them each and every day about our representatives in the Mackay region.

I turn to the comments of a shadow minister and former cabinet minister with regard to his views on anti-Semitism and women. These views have been articulated not by us but by comments made all over social media. The opposition are associated with these comments that breed hate and breed anti-Semitism at a time when our nation has experienced the worst terrorist attacks on our soil. The Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition and in fact all members of the opposition are sitting there in silence and condoning those comments on social media.

We all know that, when we get into parliament, we wear a hat as the representative of our community and some are sworn into cabinet or take on a leadership role in opposition. As an MP, there is a certain standard to uphold in the way you conduct yourself. We now have somebody who wants to flip their surname and their first name around—

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Krause): Order on my left!

**Mr Mellish** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Aspley, you are warned.

**Ms CAMM:**—and go under a pseudonym to articulate their true beliefs. That is what we have seen from a senior shadow minister. If I say this person's name, they will claim to take personal offence but I do not know how someone can take personal offence to the words they have written themselves. The member said—

With the criminal element now running Israel, and the murderous actions being directed by its government and carried out by the disgraceful Israeli Murder squads, grossly and inaccurately named the Israeli Defense Forces, I am proud that our relationship is not good. We should cease all diplomatic engagement as we did with Germany during WW2.

I wonder what Penny Wong in the federal government would think of those comments with the job she has right now. I hope the Leader of the Opposition can show some leadership and stand up and call out the disgraceful and disgusting comments made by one of his senior shadow cabinet members. There is some talent sitting on their backbench who should be brought forward and those who have sat around the table and made the decisions that left this state in a mess should be retiring.