



Speech By  
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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Child Safety System**

 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (2.06 pm): I rise to address a betrayal of transparency. This LNP Crisafulli government and its child safety minister stood before the people of Queensland and promised a thorough, uncompromising investigation into our child safety system. They called the system 'catastrophically broken'. They promised to fix it, but now they have cut that investigation short by six months. Is the LNP attempting to cover up the government's significantly detrimental mistakes? We already know that the LNP implemented an IT system that is currently causing major departmental disruptions. We know this because the frontline staff—the ones trying to keep children safe—expressed their frustration in the Together union's department survey. Instead of allowing the inquiry to scrutinise these technological and operational failures in detail, the minister has pulled the handbrake. It is another slant on public trust in this LNP administration.

At the last election the LNP promised to govern with transparency, so where is that transparency now? The inquiry commissioner, Paul Anastassiou KC, took the extraordinary step of issuing a public statement voicing his concerns. This is a move almost unheard of by a commissioner. He was blunt. He said—

It cannot be denied the government's requirement the date for the final report be brought forward ... involves a significant change to the planned future progress of the Inquiry.

This child safety minister has made one horrendous decision after another and the Premier has supported every one. Those decisions are now the Premier's decisions. They have decided that this inquiry does not need to be thorough. They have chosen to dishonour the bravery of those bringing their stories forward. They have chosen not to listen to victims and experts. They deserve to be heard. They deserve advocacy that matches the gravitas of their pain. Whether it is rolling out a faulty IT system whereby thousands of children have been left unmonitored or fudging figures through clever accounting, the tactics are the same. It is time to stop playing clever politics and to start acting like leaders with integrity. If this Premier is going to stake his career on promises then this LNP government has no choice but to stop the clock and give this inquiry the time it and our children deserve.