



Speech By
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MEMBER FOR EVERTON

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Member for Cairns

 **Hon. TL MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games) (2.43 pm): There have been many conversations today about the member for Cairns and some would say that his behaviour in recent times—and I think he has just backed that up now given the comments he made when he introduced his speech—has been quite bizarre with regard to his—

Mr HEALY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I take offence and I ask the member to withdraw.

Mr Hunt interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Krause): Member for Nicklin, you are warned.

Ms Pease interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Lytton, you are warned—both of you under the standing orders. The quarrelling across the chamber will cease. Member for Everton, will you withdraw please?

Mr MANDER: I withdraw and, Mr Deputy Speaker, I would make a suggestion to the opposition leader that what he should do is withdraw the member for Cairns's access to Facebook. That would do all of us a favour and do the people of Cairns a favour as well. This bizarre behaviour was experienced by me in recent times when the member for Cairns challenged me to a fight. How bizarre that someone like him would challenge someone like me to a fight. My response to that was that the shadow minister should stick with shadow boxing and that he should pull himself off the canvas after that knock-out blow in the election last year and concentrate on the important things of his electorate rather than these bizarre types of stunts that he pulls to distract his electorate from his underperformance in that area.

A government member: His upper cut.

Mr MANDER: That is correct. I take that interjection—an upper cut. That behaviour was bizarre and I will give him the benefit of the doubt and say that he was a bit tongue in cheek about it all, but there is definitely nothing tongue in cheek about the comments that he has made on Facebook and to come out with an explanation like he has to say—

Mr Nicholls interjected.

Mr MANDER: I take that interjection as well in that he did not deny it. Those comments were made and it is bizarre to think that anybody else could interpret it in any other way than being anti-Semitic. These are the exact things that members of the federal Labor Party such as Penny Wong,

of all people, and the Prime Minister have been talking against in that this type of commentary and this type of behaviour incites hatred. I want to let the Jewish community in this state know that the government of Queensland has your back. We have your back. We will make sure that this type of behaviour does not continue in the future, because everybody in this state has a right to exercise religious freedom and to feel safe in their place of worship, safe when their kids go to school and safe in their own home.

Mr Kempton interjected.

Mr MANDER: Or when they go out on a picnic, as was the case at Bondi Beach. I take that interjection from the member for Cook. The behaviour from the member for Cairns has been at best bizarre and at worst purely anti-Semitic. The question that has to be asked of the opposition leader is this: is he going to call this behaviour out? We all know the saying that the standard you pass is the standard you accept, and if this behaviour continues—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr MANDER: This happened already when he was caught out for the disgraceful behaviour on his Facebook page by liking these one-line jokes which were so anti-women it was not funny.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members on my left! Minister, just pause for a moment please. Pause the clock please. Members on my left, we will have order.

Mr MANDER: He was liking comments like—

I was actually thrown out of Weight Watchers for making sarcastic comments at the weekly weigh-in. As you can imagine, I accepted the decision with huge grace, because they threw her out as well.

Another was, 'I accidentally filled the escort with diesel. She died'—like, like, like, liking all of these comments that are obviously totally and utterly inappropriate.

Mrs Gerber interjected.

Mr MANDER: I take that interjection that he shared those comments as well. The women from the Labor opposition caught him out last time. They should call him out this time. The Leader of the Opposition should be calling out this behaviour for something that is totally and utterly unacceptable. We have heard the people of Queensland. The Australian government and the Australian opposition have also called it out. Now the opposition leader needs to call it out as well.