



Speech By  
**Hon. Tim Nicholls**

**MEMBER FOR CLAYFIELD**


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**FIGHTING ANTISEMITISM AND KEEPING GUNS OUT OF THE HANDS OF  
TERRORISTS AND CRIMINALS AMENDMENT BILL 2026**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (EMPOWERING COUNCILS) AND OTHER  
LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

**Declared Urgent; Allocation of Time Limit Order**

 **Hon. TJ NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (11.32 am): If ever I have heard a lament about incompetence it was that from the member for Woodridge. It was a lament about incompetence—about their inability to study something and to respond within 24 hours to amendments that have been circulated. Let us not forget that these are the people who authored a complete change to the voting system in Queensland with 18 minutes notice. Let us not forget that after cutting a dirty deal with their mates in the Katter party they walked in and did that. Let us not forget the amendments that the member for Morayfield circulated to his crime bill.

**Ms Grace:** Deputy Speaker, relevance.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Krause): Member for McConnel, do you have a point of order?

**Ms GRACE:** Relevance, Deputy Speaker.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I have sought some advice. Member for McConnel, there is no point of order at this point. I would also remind the member for McConnel that I did hear you calling out 'relevance' before you rose to your feet. I do not need that assistance. If you want to make a point of order, get up and make a point of order.

**Ms GRACE:** Thank you for your guidance.

**Mr NICHOLLS:** When it comes to the history of cutting debate short in this place the Labor Party has no parallel. They did it month in, month out while they sat on this side. Not only that, they sat fewer hours. We all had to shut up shop and go home at 7.30 under their family friendly hours. We have more hours for debate, we have more hours for committee consideration of bills and we have better debate on bills as a result of it. The member for Springwood was the author of it all. We remember him coming in, standing up and proclaiming in that very gravelly voice of his how serious it was and how important it was for the efficient operation of the House that we do not have any debate on bills. He changed the name on his office door so that it had 'Leader of the House' on it. Because he was not important enough he had to have his name put on the door. We remember that aspect of grandiose self-importance.

We have had a number of discussions. Firstly, let us get this right. Those opposite are not even right on a parliamentary procedure matter. This is not a gag. I am about to show them what a gag is. This is, quite simply, limiting the time for debate in respect of the speakers. I remember a former member for Rockhampton, Robert Schwarten, explaining the difference between a guillotine and a gag. Those

opposite still do not know the difference. There is actually no need for it because when I look at the speaking list, in the last two days 25 non-government members have already spoken on the bill. Yesterday's list stopped at the member for Bundaberg. The member for Bundaberg has dropped off today's list. The member for Bundaberg is not known for his silence. He is not known for his contribution either, but he is not known for his silence. They are arguing about a list on which their own members are dropping off. At latest count there are only four of them to go. One would think they would be able to get through those four people at 10 minutes apiece. The member for Noosa is the tail coming in at the end. Our list of members continues onto the next page. Yet again, this is nothing but a shallow display of incompetence by those opposite who are unable to deal with it.

Those opposite talk about being rushed. Let us not forget the rush in Canberra. How well did that work out? We had a Prime Minister who rushed, we had a Prime Minister who had to split his bill, we had a Prime Minister who had to give up components of his bill because he did not allow debate on it and we have legislation that will not work. That is the outcome of the process in Canberra. We have taken our time. Despite that, the Leader of the Opposition wrote to the police minister and the Attorney-General saying, 'Please recall parliament. We want to get it done more quickly.' Having taken our time to get it right, having allowed three full days of debate in this place, having circulated amendments to legislation responsive to community concerns and giving those opposite 24 hours to deal with them, now it is all being rushed too much. Their contradictions are self-explanatory. Their inability to deal with the processes of this place, even understand the processes of this place, is on display for all to see. Their arguments are weak. Their claim is indefensible. I move that the motion be now put.