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Dear Mr Speaker

I am writing with respect to a matter which arose in the House on 11 December 2025 whereby the Member for McConnel deliberately misled the House with respect to her public opposition to the delivery of a 63,000-seat stadium at Victoria Park as a part of the Crisafulli Government's 2032 Delivery Plan ahead of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

There are three criteria that must be met for a Member to be referred to the Ethics Committee for misleading the House. I will address each component of the Member for McConnel's breach in turn.

1. The statement must have been misleading.

During my Ministerial Statement on Thursday, 11 December 2025, I made the following statement:

"We know the member for McConnel does not support the new 63,000-seat Victoria Park stadium and would rather see Queensland embarrassed on the world stage by using QSAC."

The Member for McConnel then sought the call on a point of order, stating "The member is misleading. I take offence and I ask that he withdraw."

She then clarified that "Mr Speaker, I said the member is misleading."

Following my withdrawal over the Member taking personal offence, I continued my Ministerial Statement and made the following comments:

"The member for McConnel recently attended an anti-63,000-seat Victoria Park stadium forum. Make of that what you will, Mr Speaker. Draw your own conclusions from that—just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time?"

The Member again rose on a point of order and said, "That is not correct."

The Member has obviously misled the House with respect to her representation of her public position on the construction of the new Brisbane Stadium in Victoria Park located in her electorate.

The Member for McConnell has a long and public history opposing the new stadium development, and as such, statements to the contrary are misleading and should be corrected in the House to maintain its integrity.

During Questions without Notice, I tabled a number of public documents which demonstrate the Member for McConnell's public opposition to the Victoria Park stadium.

Following the conclusion of my answer to the Question without Notice, the Member for McConnell then rose on a matter of privilege and stated the following:

"Those tabled documents, referring to the statement made earlier by the member that I took offence to and asked to be withdrawn, are incorrect. They were all done before the election when they promised no stadium. It is not correct that they are attached to a statement that he made."

The Member for McConnell stated that each of the statements and documents which I tabled were produced by her prior to the 2024 State Election, something which is untrue.

Tabled paper 5825T2006 includes a number of documents tabled demonstrating the Member's public opposition to Victoria Park stadium post the 2024 State Election which occurred on 26 October 2024.

One such image depicted in the tabled papers include a Facebook post on the Member for McConnell's page, dated 16 December 2024, which reads "On Sunday morning I joined Save Victoria Park to protest plans to locate an Olympic stadium in Victoria Park," demonstrating her public opposition to the project subsequent to the 2024 State Election.

Included in another Facebook post on her page which reads "I was so pleased to speak at the Save Victoria Park protest this morning opposing a possible Olympic stadium development in Victoria Park / Barrambin," which was posted on 1 February 2025.

I refer to a 7 News Queensland X post which depicts protestors at Victoria Park, standing in a formation to spell the word "NO", the post which identifies the Member for McConnell being present, stating "On the ground, long-time political rivals Grace Grace and Campbell Newman joined forces to save [Victoria] park."

Additionally, I tabled a copy of correspondence received from the Save Victoria Park group which was received from the Member for McConnell, following the 2024 State Election, whereby she reaffirms "I will make a submission opposing Victoria Park / Barrambin as the venue for an Olympic mega-stadium."

As recently as 12 September 2025, the Member for McConnell attended a community forum which she organised, opposing Victoria Park stadium, where she is pictured beside her Parliamentary Labor colleague, the Member for Cooper, who is wearing a "Save Victoria Park" pin or badge, memorabilia supporting the group opposing the development.

Thus, given the evidence provided here and in the Parliament, it is clear that the Member for McConnell made a misleading statement in the House when she said that "those tabled documents, referring to the statement made earlier by the member that I took offence to and asked to be withdrawn, are incorrect. They were all done before the election."

2. The Member making the statement must have known, at the time the statement was made, that it was incorrect.

The Member for McConnel obviously is aware that her statement is misleading, given the documents I referred to are either statements made directly by her or are public statements reporting her attendance at functions opposing the stadium.

It would be ludicrous for the Member not to understand that these statements were all made subsequent to the 2024 State Election.

3. In making the statement, the Member intended to mislead the House.

It is obvious that the Labor Opposition are embarrassed by their record on the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, which included a \$2.25 billion renovation of the QSAC facility from the 1970s which would have provided no legacy for the community, and for which there are no major public transport links.

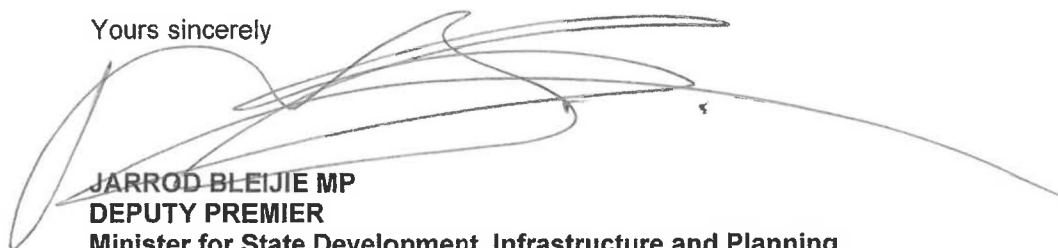
This was after the Palaszczuk Government committed to demolishing and rebuilding the Gabba Stadium, a project which blew out by several billion dollars in cost, before it was scrapped by then-Premier Miles and then-Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Member for McConnel, for QSAC.

Additionally, given the Member took personal offence on a number of occasions during my contribution, it is clear she is personally embarrassed by my reflections on her record and thus, intended to mislead the House to distract the attention of the House from her failures.

Therefore, I would request that you immediately refer the Member for McConnel to the Ethics Committee for deliberately misleading the House in such an egregious manner.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact my Chief of Staff, Mr Nathan Ruhle, by email at deputy.premier@ministerial.qld.gov.au or by telephone on (07) 3719 7100.

Yours sincerely

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

JARROD BLEIJIE MP
DEPUTY PREMIER

Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning
Minister for Industrial Relations

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September 10, 6PM
Ballymore Theatrette
(91 Clyde Rd, Herston)

GRACE GRACE MP
MEMBER FOR MCCONNEL



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John Allan

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Reply



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Thanks for convening the meeting Grace. It was very informative. And clearly showed us still room for the community to fight the destruction of Victoria Park.

Reply





Grace Grace MP

5 Sept · 🌐



REMINDER:

Come to my community meeting next Wednesday night at 6pm to share your thoughts and concerns.

The recently-announced Venues Plan for the Games proposes big changes to our communities around Victoria Park.

These decisions will shape our neighbourhood for years to come and it's so important that locals are part of the conversation.

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Email Response from Grace Grace (Member for McConnel)

Below is an email response from the Member for McConnel, Grace Grace. The email below is responding to a local resident who had written to Grace Grace to expressing concern about the proposed stadium in Victoria Park / Barrambin.

Dear [Redacted for Privacy],

Thank you for your email. Victoria Park / Barrambin is one of Brisbane's treasures and is a culturally significant place for local indigenous people. It was only in 2021 that the golf course was closed and the majority of the 45 hectares returned to the public for use as a community park and open green space.

As a life-long local who grew up in Spring Hill, I know the value of Victoria Park / Barrambin. That is why I oppose the plan to build a mega stadium development on the park site. At the last election I campaigned on this issue, alerting locals to the LNP's then-secret plan to build a stadium in the park. And, as the Minister responsible for the Olympics in the former Labor Government, I ruled out Victoria Park as a site for an Olympic stadium.

Premier David Crisafulli said no fewer than 10 times before the election that the LNP would not build a new stadium. The government has now commenced another 100-day review of venues being undertaken by a handpicked board. Unfortunately, the terms of reference for this review includes an option for a new stadium. This is a broken promise.

I am particularly concerned given that LNP Lord Mayor Schrinner and Cr Vicki Howard, who proposed plans for a redevelopment of the park as community space before the last council election, are now supporting the proposal for a stadium in the park.

The government has only given stakeholders and the public until **Friday 10 January 2025** to make a submission on possible venues. Submissions can be made online using the following link: www.gamesreview.com.au.

I will make a submission opposing Victoria Park / Barrambin as the venue for an Olympic mega-stadium, and I strongly encourage you to also make a submission so that our community's views are heard loudly and clearly.

Even setting aside my concerns about the loss of this vital community asset and green space, I believe that a plan to build a stadium on this site is impractical and would be incredibly expensive.

As locals would be aware, the topography of the park means that construction of a stadium and the necessary warm-up track would involve extensive and expensive earth-moving work to level out the site.

The site also presents challenges, with concept art published in the Courier Mail showing stadiums built over the Inner City Bypass and the Exhibition Rail Corridor.

The cost of any stadium built over the corridors would be dramatically increased due to the need to secure appropriate indemnities, insurances and securities to Queensland Rail, the Department of Transport and Main Roads, and to Brisbane City Council. Any plans for a stadium would also vastly exceed the \$7.1 billion funding envelope agreed for all 2032 Games venues.

I also encourage you to connect with the Save Victoria Park Facebook Group, which can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/savevictoriaparkbarrambin>. This is a committed group of locals who are fighting to preserve the green space in Victoria Park. I was pleased to recently join the group to protest the possible loss of community green space for a stadium.

Victoria Park / Barrambin is Brisbane's Central Park. It is an incredible asset to our inner-city community and I will fight with you to preserve and enhance it.

Sincerely,

Grace Grace MP

Member for McConnel

Shadow Minister for Trade

Shadow Minister for Olympic and Paralympic Games

Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations

Shadow Minister for Racing

Campaign #1: No Stadium • Olympics 100-Day Review

**< Email Response from
Stephen Bates (MP for
Brisbane)**

**Victoria Park /
Barrambin Indigenous
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Grace Grace MP

9 May · 🌐



savevictoriapark.com

Submission to Parliament - Say NO to Scrapping 15 State Laws — Save Victoria Park

The Queensland Government is proposing to override 15 state laws to fast-track stadiums and other Olympic venue projects — including Victoria Park/Barrambin.

This would allow major developments to bypass important planning, environmental, and heritage protections that safeguard our communities and public spaces.

This isn't just about one park — it's about setting a precedent that could affect projects across the entire state.

Submissions to Parliament are now open.



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300 protesters have spelled out where they stand in the Victoria Park stadium debate. On the ground, long-time political rivals Grace Grace and Campbell Newman joined forces to save the park. Newman, a former premier, even threatened legal action against the IOC. #7NEWS



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I was so pleased to speak at the Save Victoria Park protest this morning opposing a possible Olympic stadium development in Victoria Park / Barrambin. There was a great turnout from the community. Thanks to the organisers of this morning's event.



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Grace Grace MP

16 Dec 2024

On Sunday morning I joined Save Victoria Park to protest plans to locate an Olympic stadium in Victoria Park.

Victoria Park / Barrambin is Brisbane's Central Park and is a culturally significant place for local indigenous people. It provides a large amount of inner-city greenspace in a city which has less of it than any other Australian city.

I know this is an important issue for our community, so if you would like to make a submission on this issue, please click this link: <http://www.gamesreview.com.au> . You have until Friday 10 January to do so.



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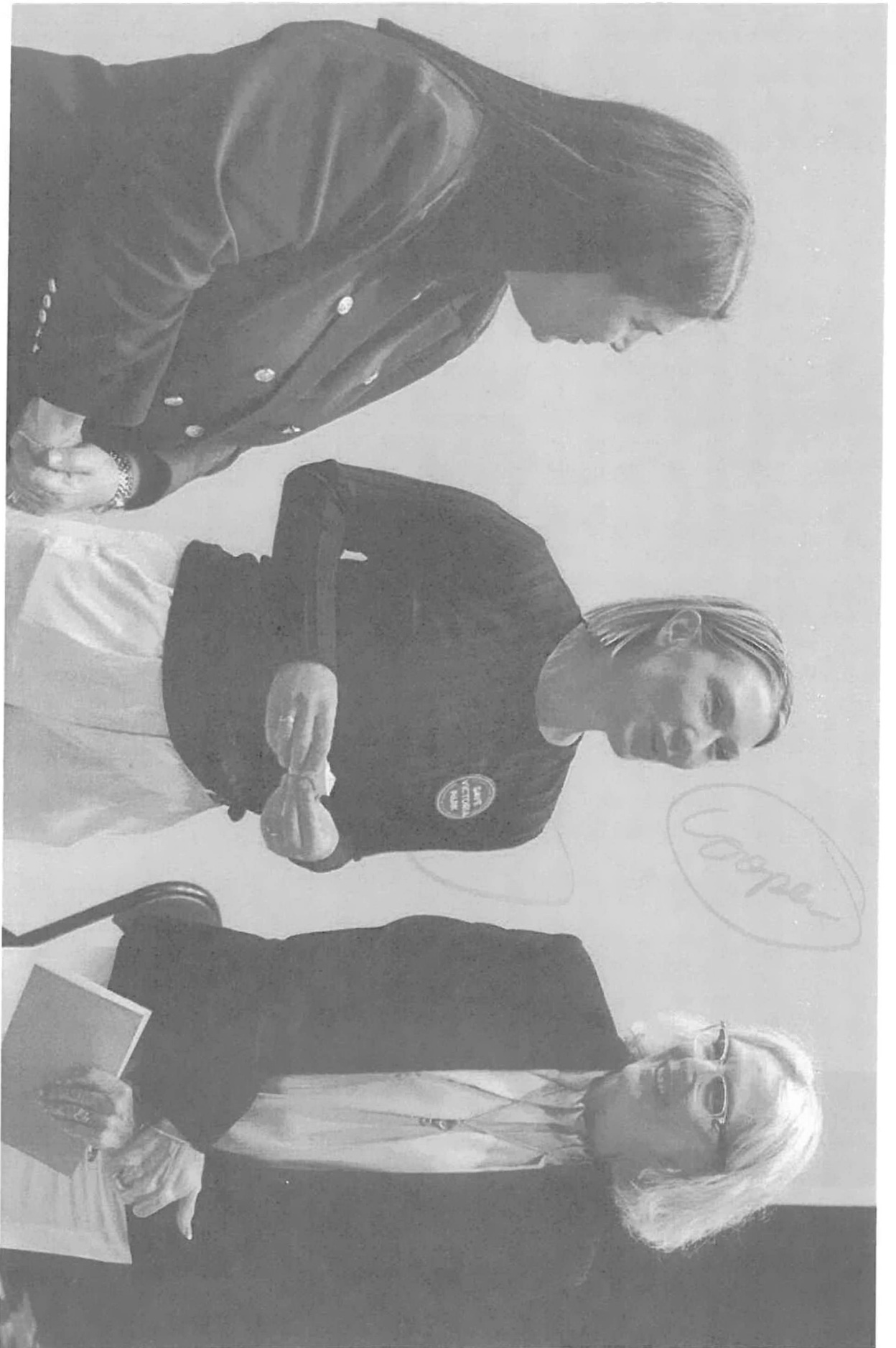


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Grace Grace MP ✓

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Our community came together Wednesday night to talk about the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, in particular the massive infrastructure investment ahead for the communities around Victoria Park and the RNA. It was inspiring to see so many passionate locals turn out - because above all, we need to make sure we are consulted going forward - and that our voices are heard. The LNP has a track record of only listening to select community voices and breaking promises and we need to hold them to account.



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15 December 2025

Hon Grace Grace MP

Shadow Minister for Trade, Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations, Shadow Minister for Olympic and Paralympic Games, Shadow Minister for Racing

Member for McConnel

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Dear Grace

The Office of the Speaker received correspondence on 12 December 2025 from the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations. The said matter concerns whether you have deliberately misled the House. A copy of this correspondence is attached.

Deliberately misleading the House is listed as an example of behaviour that the House may treat as a contempt (see *Standing Order 266 (2)*).

Standing Order 269 (5) provides that in considering whether such a matter should be referred to the Ethics Committee, the Speaker may request further information from the person the subject of the allegation. Accordingly, I am writing to you pursuant to that *Standing Order*.

Standing Order 269 (4) provides that in considering whether the matter should be referred to the Ethics Committee, the Speaker shall take account of the degree of importance of the matter which has been raised and whether an adequate apology or explanation has been made in respect of the matter.

I wish to stress that I have not yet formed a view as to whether this particular allegation should be referred to the Ethics Committee. However, as a matter of course, I remind all members who are the subject of such allegations of the long-established convention that should a Member become aware they have inadvertently misled the House, they should, at the earliest opportunity, correct the record and apologise for their inadvertence.

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Should you wish to provide me with further information to assist me in making a determination as to whether the matter should be referred to the Ethics Committee under *Standing Order 269* please provide your response by COB 12 January 2026.

In the meantime, should your office have any queries relating to this matter, they may be directed to my Executive Officer, Coral-Leah Kemp, by email to Speaker@parliament.qld.gov.au or on 07 3553 6700.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat Weir', with a stylized flourish at the end.

HON PAT WEIR MP
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

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Grace Grace MP

Member for McConnell
your hardworking local



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12 January 2026

The Honourable Pat Weir MP
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VIA EMAIL speaker@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Speaker

I acknowledge your correspondence dated 15 December 2025 in respect of an alleged matter of privilege raised by the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations (the Member for Kawana). In the correspondence to you from the Member for Kawana dated 12 December 2025, the Member for Kawana has alleged that I deliberately misled the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament on 11 December 2025.

There appears to be two contributions which the Member for Kawana is taking issue with, the first during Ministerial Statements and the second during Question Time on that same day. At the outset I dispute this allegation and submit that I have never, nor will I ever, deliberately mislead the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament.

When considering whether a Member of Parliament has committed a contempt by deliberately misleading the House, three elements must be proven:

1. The statement must have been misleading;
2. The Member making the statement must have known, at the time the statement was made, that it was incorrect; and
3. In making the statement, the Member intended to mislead the House.

I will deal with each matter in turn.

THE STATEMENT "MUST HAVE BEEN MISLEADING"

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

The Member for Kawana has taken issue with two statements, I will deal with the statements made during Ministerial Statements first, recorded on page 4054 of the Record of Proceedings. The Member for Kawana stated:

"We know the member for McConnell does not support the new 63,000-seat Victoria Park stadium and would rather see Queensland embarrassed on the world stage by using QSAC."

I took personal offence to this statement and while it was dealt with on the floor of the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament, I also submit that this statement is misleading. This is because I, nor the Queensland Labor Opposition wish to see Queensland embarrassed on the world stage when it comes to the Olympic and Paralympic Games and to suggest so by the Member for Kawana is grossly misleading.

The Member for Kawana further stated:

"... The member for McConnell recently attended an anti-63,000-seat Victoria Park stadium forum. Make of that what you will, Mr Speaker. Draw your own conclusions from that – just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time?"

I took personal offence to that statement, for several reasons, including that it was misleading. This was also dealt with on the floor of the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament, where the Member for Kawana withdrew the statement, but then advised that they would take it up later during Question Time.

I submit that the Member for Kawana's statement was misleading, because the forum which I attended, and indeed co-hosted, was a community information session regarding the Olympic and Paralympic Games, including the venue at Victoria Park. It was not, as the Member for Kawana stated an *"anti-63,000-seat Victoria Park stadium forum"*.

This is clear in the social media posts about the forum, which the Member for Kawana was aware of, because he tabled them during Question Time. The tabled social media posts promoting the community information session stated (emphasis added):

"The recently-announced Venues Plan for the Games proposes big changes to our communities around Victoria Park.

These decisions will shape our neighbourhood for years to come and it's so important that locals are part of the conversation."

The social media post after the community information forum stated (emphasis added):

"Our community came together Wednesday night to talk about the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, in particular the massive infrastructure investment ahead for the communities around Victoria Park and the RNA.

It was inspiring to see so many passionate locals turn out – because above all, we need to make sure we are consulted going forward – and that our voices are heard.

The LNP has a track record of only listening to select community voices and breaking promises and we need to hold them to account"

It is clear from my social media posts that the community event which I co-led, was an information session about the massive infrastructure investment occurring in our community. It is important that the community which I am part of, is consulted and informed along the way, as there will be many changes and impacts on the community and residents during the construction phase.

This community meeting, as is clearly outlined in the social media posts tabled by the Member for Kawana, was an information session regarding the works, not an anti-stadium forum, which the Member for Kawana stated it was. As such, I submit that the Member for Kawana has misled the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament regarding his statement and not me, as the Member for Kawana has falsely claimed.

QUESTION TIME

In respect of the second matter raised by the Member for Kawana, it can be found on page 4071 of the Record of Proceedings, where the Member for Kawana was asked a question, which I presume was asked in good faith, regarding respecting workers, including retail and hospitality workers and worker protection over the holiday period. However, the majority of the response was an attack on the Queensland Labor Opposition and indeed myself in respect of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, which in retrospect, does not appear to be relevant to the question asked at all.

This matter relates to a matter of privilege suddenly arising, which I took in the moment, during the cut and thrust of Question Time, after the conclusion of a politically charged attack against me, by the Member for Kawana, which I submit, was a continuation of his Ministerial Statement.

It should also be noted that I did not have the luxury of time to review the tabled documents by the Member for Kawana in detail and made my matter of privilege suddenly arising, based on the verbal contribution of the Member for Kawana.

The verbal contribution by the Member for Kawana referred to a number of social media posts and issues which occurred prior to the Crisafulli LNP Government's decision to build a new stadium for the Olympic and Paralympic Games in March 2025. It was these posts that I was referring to, when I made my statement that they were done prior to the decision being made in March 2025 to build a new stadium, despite the promise by the LNP at the election that there would be no new stadiums.

I submit, that on reflection, that my matter of privilege suddenly arising could have been articulated better, but as you would appreciate, it was done so, based on limited information, during the cut and thrust of Question Time. It was purely a misspeak where I should have said "*before the decision was made*" rather than "*before the election*". I submit that the majority of the documents which the Member for Kawana tabled were published before the LNP decided to build a new stadium, despite their original position, which was the same as the former governments, that there would be no new stadiums. I further submit that the issue in question is technical and trivial in nature, in line with your previous Speaker's Rulings.

The main part of my matter of privilege suddenly arising still stands. That is that the Member for Kawana has deliberately misled the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament by stating that "*she organised her own forum opposing Victoria Park*". This is absolutely and categorically incorrect and false.

As outlined previously in this correspondence, I co-hosted a community information session for residents and community members to have their say on being consulted and kept informed during the construction works related to the Olympic and Paralympic Games. To suggest otherwise is false and misleading, and the very documents tabled by the Member for Kawana in respect of the community information forum, do not align to the false assertions by the Member for Kawana.

I submit that while the Member for Kawana has highlighted a comment from a member of the public in respect of the information session held, I submit, that it is the view of the member of the community and the forum was primarily organised to provide information and support to the community. I also submit that it is immaterial what other elected Members of Parliament were or were not wearing at the event, the community information session, which I co-led, was to provide information and to hear from the community regarding how they can be supported through the years ahead.

To be an elected Member of Parliament for your community is a privilege and honour. The majority of social media posts referenced by the Member for Kawana was before the formal decision was made, and as such I was standing with my community and making them aware to make submissions to the process.

The 9 May 2025 post which the Member for Kawana was referring to, I was advocating for people to make a submission regarding the laws associated with the Olympic and Paralympic games in general. As I stated in the social media post "*this isn't just about one park – it's about setting a precedent that could affect projects across the entire state*".

THE MEMBER MAKING THE STATEMENT "MUST HAVE KNOWN, AT THE TIME THE STATEMENT WAS MADE, THAT IT WAS INCORRECT"

I submit that my matter of privilege suddenly arising, as outlined above contained a misspeak, due to the timing and nature of the matter of privilege. It should have referred "*before the decision was made*" rather than "*before the election*". This was in no way deliberately misleading or misleading, as the substance of the matter of privilege remains.

In respect of the issue the Member for Kawana has taken issue with during Ministerial Statements, I submit that my points of order were true and correct, for the reasons outlined above.

IN MAKING THE STATEMENT, "THE MEMBER INTENDED TO MISLEAD THE HOUSE"

I submit that I have never and would not ever intentionally mislead the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament. As outlined above, I believe that my statements, bar one misspeak were true and correct.

I also refute the baseless accusation by the Member for Kawana in his correspondence that I am somehow "... *personally embarrassed by my [his] reflections on her record*". My record is clear, I have stood with my community and provided them the tools and avenues to make their voices heard.

I have also provided them with information and an avenue to have their say on the infrastructure works to come and will continue to do so. This is what being an engaged Member of Parliament is all about.

MEMBER FOR KAWANA – MISLEADING THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT

Speaker, for the avoidance of doubt, I submit that the Member for Kawana has misled the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament. While I have outlined this above, for ease of reference, I submit the following.

THE STATEMENT "MUST HAVE BEEN MISLEADING"

I submit that the following statements by the Member for Kawana are misleading (emphasis added):

- *"We know the member for McConnel does not support the new 63,000-seat Victoria Park stadium and would rather see Queensland embarrassed on the world stage by using QSAC."* (page 4054 of the Record of Proceedings)
- *"... The member for McConnel recently attended an anti-63,000-seat Victoria Park stadium forum. Make of that what you will, Mr Speaker. Draw your own conclusions from that – just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time?"* (page 4054 of the Record of Proceedings)
- *Then she organised her own forum opposing Victoria Park.* (page 4071 of the Record of Proceedings)

The facts speak for themselves:

- I am a member of the Queensland Labor Opposition that supported the passage of relevant legislation in respect of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- I do not want to see Queensland embarrassed on the world stage.
- I co-led a community information session in respect of the Olympic games Venue Plan, to ensure that members of the community who are affected and interested are aware of the current information and the avenues for to have their say about issues moving forward. It was not, an anti-stadium forum, as stated by the Member for Kawana.

THE MEMBER MAKING THE STATEMENT "MUST HAVE KNOWN, AT THE TIME THE STATEMENT WAS MADE, THAT IT WAS INCORRECT"

The Member for Kawana had all of the information available to them prior to and during making his misleading contributions. That is clear when he asks his ministerial office during Ministerial Statements to bring down the materials for Question Time.

As outlined previously, the documents tabled by the Member for Kawana, in particular the social media posts about the 'Olympic Games Venue Plan Community Meeting' clearly outline that it was an information session for the community and not, as the Member for Kawana has falsely claimed a forum opposing Victoria Park.

As outlined in the social media post of 5 September *"Come to my community meeting next Wednesday night at 6pm to share your thoughts and concerns. The recently-announced Venues Plan*

for the Games proposes big changes to our communities around Victoria Park. These decisions will shape our neighbourhood for years to come and it's so important that locals are part of the conversation".

In addition, the social media post of 12 September, after the community information session, which was tabled by the Member for Kawana outlines that it was a discussion about the "... massive infrastructure investment ahead for the communities around Victoria Park and the RNA" and "... we need to make sure we are consulted going forward – and that our voices are heard"

It is clear from these posts, that it is an information session to hear their concerns, provide community members information and to continue the conversation regarding construction and infrastructure moving forward.

I also submit, that a number of social media posts tabled were prior to the decision by the Crisafulli LNP Government to backflip on their commitment of no new stadiums. These social media posts and my attendance at community events, was in my capacity as a local Member of Parliament, engaging with my community and providing them the tools and pathways to have their say.

IN MAKING THE STATEMENT, "THE MEMBER INTENDED TO MISLEAD THE HOUSE"

It is clear from the Member for Kawana's contribution during Ministerial Statements, which continued into Question Time, after he flagged it would during Ministerial Statements, was a politically charged contribution against me and the Queensland Labor Opposition regarding this matter. The Member for Kawana had the facts in front of him, even tabled them, but still continued on a politically charged narrative that I attended an anti-stadium forum.

I therefore respectfully ask that the Member for Kawana be referred to the Ethics Committee for misleading the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

I refer to your Speaker's Statement of 24 June 2025 regarding ministerial statements where you stated that:

I would ask ministers to ensure that they are respectful of the intent of the standing order. Ministerial statements must be conducted in a way that is courteous of the House, temperate in language and observant of all the normal rules of debate.

In respect of the Member for Kawana's Ministerial Statement, I submit that his commentary about me and political attack on me in respect of the Olympic and Paralympic Games does not accord with your Speaker's Statement that they must be "... conducted in a way that is courteous of the House, temperate in language and observant of all the normal rules of debate".

I respectfully ask that you consider the Member for Kawana's Ministerial Statement in light of your and previous Speaker's Statements, in particular that Ministerial Statements must be temperate in language and that you provide guidance to the Member for Kawana and/or the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament regarding this matter.

CONCLUSION

In summary, I submit that:

- My points of order during Ministerial Statements were true, accurate and appropriate.
- My matter of privilege suddenly arising during Question Time, on reflection, could have been articulated better as it contained a misspeak, but the substance of my matter of privilege remains valid. I submit that the issue is technical and trivial in nature, in line with your previous Speaker's Rulings.

- I co-led a community information session regarding the infrastructure investment works occurring as a result of the Olympic and Paralympic Games and reject, as the evidence tabled by the Member for Kawana shows, that it was a anti-stadium forum.
- The Member for Kawana has misled the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament in respect of a number of matters including claiming that I would rather see Queensland embarrassed and that I attended and led a forum opposing a stadium, when it was indeed a community information forum.
- The individuals who have misled Queenslanders, is the Member for Kawana, the Member for Broadwater and the entire Crisafulli LNP Government, when they broke their election promise of no new stadiums.

If you require any further information before forming a decision, or require any further actions to be taken, pursuant to your previous Speaker's Statements in respect of how these matters are dealt with, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss.

I thank you for the opportunity to address this matter.

Yours sincerely



GRACE GRACE MP
MEMBER FOR MCCONNEL
SHADOW MINISTER FOR TRADE
SHADOW MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
SHADOW MINISTER FOR OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES
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Hon Grace Grace MP

Shadow Minister for Trade, Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations, Shadow Minister for Olympic and Paralympic Games, Shadow Minister for Racing
Member for McConnel

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Dear Grace

I write further to my correspondence of 15 December 2025 regarding allegations by the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations, that you deliberately misled the House.

Deliberately misleading the House is listed as an example of behaviour that the House may treat as a contempt (see *Standing Order 266 (2)*).

I note your response of 12 January 2026 and the admission to misspeaking with respect to the second statement.

It is my view that the matter is important, and a clarifying statement is required. This statement should occur in preliminary business during either Matters of Privilege or Personal Explanations, no later than Thursday 12 February 2026.

If a clarifying statement is not proffered, then I will proceed on the basis of there being no adequate explanation in accordance with *SO 269(4)*.

In the meantime, should your office have any queries relating to this matter, they may be directed to my Executive Officer, Coral-Leah Kemp, by email to Speaker@parliament.qld.gov.au or on 07 3553 6700.

Yours sincerely

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MP: Hon. *Speake*

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