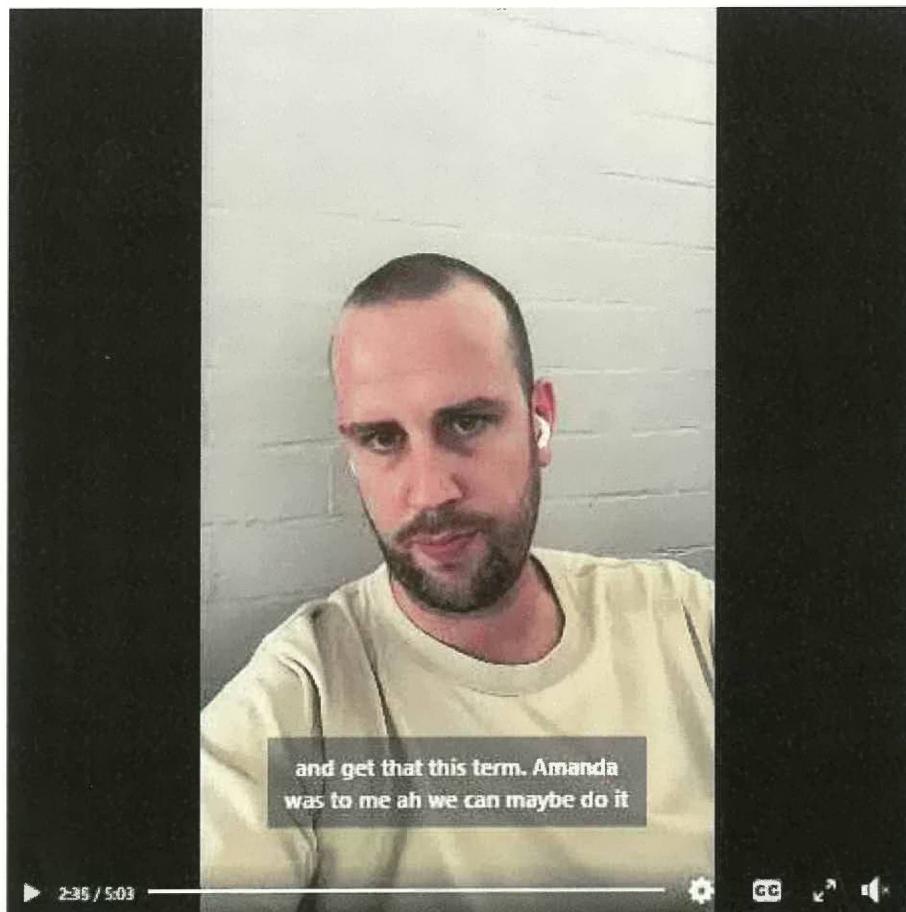




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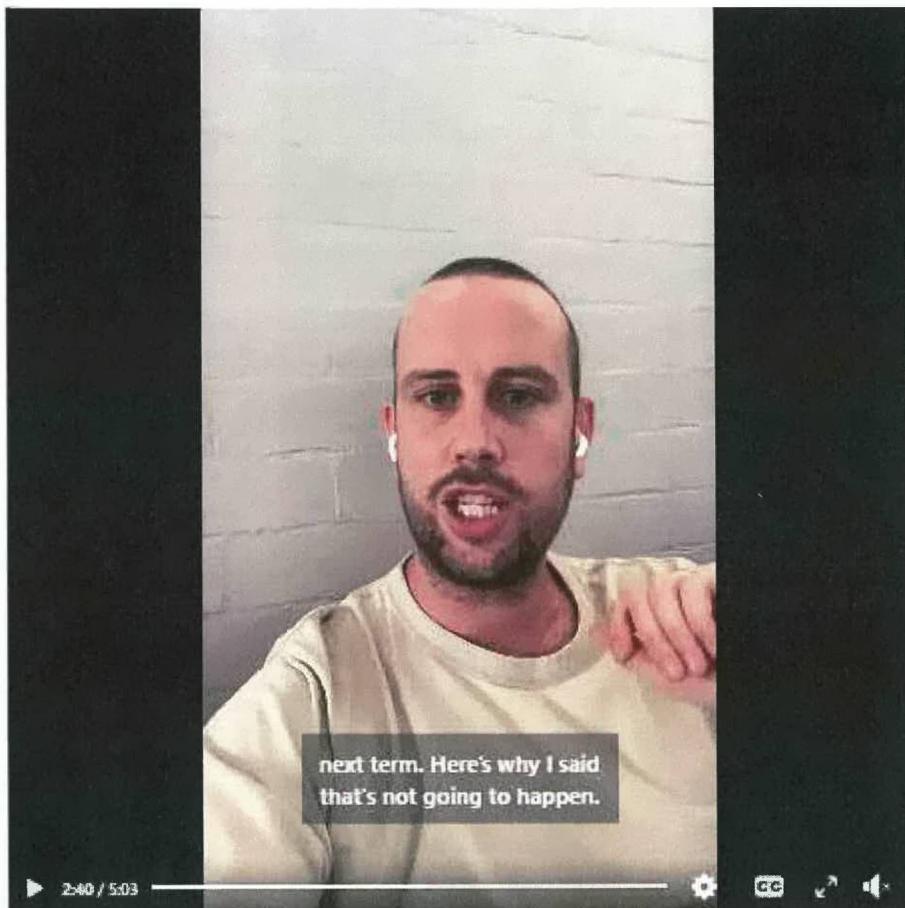


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So I've just received the email that Amanda Stoker has sent out to those who have been emailing her with regards to what happened yesterday and the campaign that we just ran in terms of baby Samuel and trying to get this LNP gag order reversed. I like Amanda and I'm thankful for what she's done, and appreciate all of their support. Historically, her ongoing children in terms of speaking up on the stage and the march for life and things like that. But I was devastated with what she did in December 2024 hours was our supporters, very strange decision. And then again yesterday, to see her make the same decision, to see her sit on the on the seat while neither Dalton crossed the floor. I was in the gallery, and I saw that happen. And what I want to do again, I will respond to some of these reasons that she's put in her letter. First and foremost, she mentions about the wraparound care that she's been working for in terms of the crisis pregnancy movement. And that is fantastic. No one's taking that away from her. Here's how the conversation has gone though. Amanda, we can get better, she has said here, sadly, Mr. Kata saw the narrative to some prominent pro life voices that simply does not reflect the reality of the political environment. Let me tell you the reality of their political environment. At the moment, that gag order acts as a shield to stop anybody talking on abortion. The Crisafulli government knows that, and he's done that to silence his pro life LNP members. That was the whole reason in December, 2024 now the here's the game plan. If we can get the gag order overturned, then we can have a shot at trying to do something at the bill. I told this to Amanda on Friday afternoon. I said, Amanda, we need eight people to cross the floor. I also said to her, incredibly the gag order is going to be harder to get reversed than a third trimester. But here's why, no LNP person will want to stand up and defend third trimester abortion. Let me be clear. All abortion is wrong, but no one is going to want to stand up there and defend third trimester why? Because it's indefensible to them. So the goal was, look, if we can get the gag order overturn, we just need eight. If that can happen, we then conduct, go to the third time master bill and get that this turn, Amanda was saying to me, Oh, we can maybe do it next turn. Here's why I said that's not going to happen. David Crisafulli has dug his heels ~~so deep~~, and he's even come out publicly as pro choice. Do we think suddenly have an epiphany and turn around and say, Actually, now you can discuss it in the second term? No chance. Here's the excuse he's going to use. We've got the Olympics coming up. We're going to have to put that back on the back burner, unfortunately. So it's never going to happen, never,

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let's say, even if it could happen, the potential that they could get their third trimester building in the second term. Here's the thing, what about the babies that are going to die in this term? That's 1000s of lives that were letting die right now that all could have been changed yesterday, if we had those eight people across the floor, Amanda was pivotal in that. I told her this. She was completely aware that Robbie Carter is not doing this as a gimmick. He's doing this because he ultimately cared about one bond children. Everybody who came to the rally knows that the reality is that when we needed her to stand up. She didn't do it. It was politically inconvenient for her career. That's the reality. And here's the thing, it is true that the labor and the Greens want the overturn of the ban so they can discuss more about abortion. Absolutely true. However, that's, that's, that's democracy, that's robust discussion. We know our cases is stronger and we can make our case better. So that excuse is nonsense. Here's how culture gets changed. It takes gets changed by courageous and brave people changing the cultural narrative. Nigel Dalton did that yesterday. Amanda Stoker did not there is still time for Amanda to change that. So this is just an off the cuff response to Amanda's email, truly disappointing, and I'll be writing more about this in the future, more detailed response, but I just want to say this as well I can understand the angst and the frustration and even the anger that is placed towards these people. Now it is true that they are allowing these children to die, and that is horrific thing. I want to say this, though, pray for them. Pray for them. What Amanda has said here is incorrect, and those other pro life politicians in there will be feeling the heat. Us pray for them as well. God bless you.