



Speech by

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 **Dr ROBINSON** (Cleveland—LNP) (2.38 pm): In parliament yesterday the Premier, in a cowardly act, used privilege to slander Campbell Newman. In doing so, the Premier demonstrated yet again why she is no longer fit to hold the high office of Premier of Queensland. On the same morning she used privilege to slander my reputation. Based on one photo of the sustainability director of Sibelco and myself in a public place, the Premier inferred that I had been involved in some secret, sordid deal. I utterly reject the Premier's baseless insinuation and today call on her to publicly withdraw her cowardly statement and apologise in the parliament. The truth is that I am often asked to be in photos with various groups on the island and I am happy to oblige. Does the Premier suggest corruption every time a photo is taken? To follow her base reasoning, that would mean the museum, marine station, small shops, ecotourism businesses—

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Order! Stop the clock please. Member for Cleveland, please take your seat for a moment. Members on my right, it is extremely difficult to hear. We have two minutes for each speaker and I think they deserve the courtesy of the floor. The member for Cleveland has the call and I ask members on my right and left to allow members to speak.

**Dr ROBINSON:** To follow her base reasoning, that would mean the museum, marine station, small shops, ecotourism businesses and progress associations that I have photographs taken with are all guilty of doing dirty deals.

In what is now known as the infamous fly-in fly-out helicopter trip, the Premier and the member for Ashgrove dumped the government's political plan on island residents without any notice or discussion with the community. The Premier's plan to eliminate sandmining in eight years is seen by locals as a sellout of the island residents, with the loss of hundreds of jobs and essential services. The government has as good as shut down the Dunwich secondary school before any other secondary education plan was put in place.

The people of Straddie know the Premier has sold them out for both political and personal reasons. The personal reason, which the Premier has already admitted to in the *Brisbane Times*, is that she wants the island to be there for her own holidays. She wants Straddie for herself and she wants Straddie to be a certain way. But is there a more sinister, personal reason the Premier has intervened in the island's future? Since her Easter holiday in 2011 in the lead-up to the sustainability bill, many island residents have claimed that the Premier has now directly or through another company purchased a holiday house. The Premier needs to answer these questions and publicly confirm or scotch—

*(Time expired)*