



Speech By  
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**MOTION: DRISCOLL, MR SN, FINDING OF CONTEMPT AND FINE**

 **Mr PUCCI** (Logan—LNP) (12.12 pm): I just rise to speak in support of the motion. As a member of the committee, I find it important to say that Mr Driscoll has been found guilty and that it was a unanimous decision. The matter that is before us now is to decide on the penalty. The facts of the case have been comprehensively reported in report No. 139. I want to ensure all members of this House that these decisions were not taken lightly. All the information was researched thoroughly and items were discussed vigorously by all members of the committee. We sought advice from medical specialists and from senior counsel. We looked at precedents and we considered all the facts. I want to make sure that everybody understands that the committee had to consider the good order and discipline of this House and came to a decision that we thought best represented the members of this place.

**Mr Rickuss** interjected.

**Mr PUCCI:** It was a unanimous decision. We have to remember that Mr Driscoll was in a position of trust. I disagree with Mr Driscoll's representation when he said that we had to consider that Mr Nuttall was a minister. The consideration of this matter and the decision was about a member of parliament. Any member of parliament who is in a position of trust, who goes out there and misrepresents the people he is supposed to be representing and who takes money from the most needy deserves the greatest penalty that we can give him. So I advise and recommend wholeheartedly that all members support this motion and that it passes through the House.

I want to thank the CMC, I want to thank Mr Peter Davis and I want to thank all the other members of the committee for the work that they have done on the committee throughout this period. It was a great effort. It shows that when people get together and work together for the good of our communities that we represent good things can happen. I support the motion.