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Press Release

Mr Ray Stevens, LNP Member for Mermaid Beach – unprecedented, unsubstantiated and unnecessary attack on a Queensland small business

When asked to comment on Mr Stevens' convoluted and scurrilous attack upon the integrity of a small Queensland business in Parliament yesterday during Estimates Committee Hearings, Mr Mark Wilson, Director and Owner of Northern Recruitment said:

"I have never met Mr Stevens but I have met his kind – politicians who like to bully and hide behind the skirts of Parliamentary privilege. The process by which candidates were nominated for the positions of director with Queensland Racing, was not undertaken in consultation with anybody at Queensland Racing. There were a set of criteria which had to be applied to individual candidates and then consideration given as to which combination of individuals represented the best possible group to go forward.

I question whose interests Mr Stevens is purporting to represent. Throughout the process of selection there were clearly forces, as yet unidentified, who sought to bring about a result for their own end. This was clearly not the people at Queensland Racing but reactionary forces within the industry that simply don't like change.

In the spirit of fairness, I will offer Mr Stevens some friendly advice, namely that he gets his facts right before making unsubstantiated allegations against a successful small business under the protection of Parliamentary privilege.

I can also assure Mr Stevens that if he repeats his comments outside Parliament, he will be met with the appropriate legal response."