

MINERALOGY PTY LTD AND INTERNATIONAL MINERALS — CLIVE PALMER

578. Ms M.M. QUIRK to the Attorney General:

I refer to the tabling by the Attorney General yesterday of a document that outlines the quantum of the claim by Mr Clive Palmer and his companies against the state of Western Australia. Is the Attorney General aware of Mr Palmer's response through a spokesperson yesterday, stating that he would not breach the confidentiality of arbitration; and can the Attorney General advise the house whether Mr Palmer has ever breached the confidentiality of arbitration with regard to this matter?

Mr J.R. QUIGLEY replied:

I thank the member for Girrawheen for the question. I am aware of the statement Mr Palmer put out through his spokesperson to say that he would never breach the confidentiality of an arbitration. Members will recall that yesterday I tabled six of the 89 pages of Mr Palmer's statement of contention facts, and I did so in the public interest, publishing only those portions of that statement that exposed the lie Mr Palmer was telling the people of Western Australia—that he was not putting in a \$30 billion claim. As I said yesterday, that proves beyond reasonable doubt that he is a liar.

His response to that was a criticism of the government for tabling that document, saying through his spokesman that he would never breach the confidentiality of an arbitration award. In doing so, he has lied again; he is a serial liar. He just cannot help himself. He is a compulsive liar, and a hypocrite.

I refer to page 2215 of the Queensland Parliament's *Hansard*, dated 5 June 2014. In the middle of the night, at 12.56 am, under the heading "Palmer United Party", he had his Palmer United Party member, Dr Douglas, drop the arbitration award that found Hon Colin Barnett had erred in rejecting Mr Palmer's 2012 mining proposal application. Dr Douglas said —

This is the result of the arbitration matter between Mineralogy, International Minerals, CITIC and the State of Western Australia. The document speaks for itself. Clive Palmer was 100 per cent successful in his claim. The finding, which is a damning indictment on CITIC and the Western Australian government, is within this document. I table it today.

He then tabled the document "Arbitration matter under the Commercial Arbitration Act 1985, dated 20 May 2014, between Mineralogy Pty Ltd and International Minerals Pty Ltd and the State of Western Australia". That proves, once again, that Mr Palmer is, beyond reasonable doubt, a liar. When confronted with his lies, he just lies again; he is compulsive. This guy cannot lie straight in bed! It is just incredible that a person in the public spotlight like Mr Palmer would just build upon his reputation of being a liar. Today he put out a statement saying —

WA fails to have order in the Queensland Supreme Court set aside

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... the state has failed to have the registered Awards by the Queensland Supreme Court removed.

There was no such failure at all. The state appeared before Mr Justice Martin, and Mineralogy and International Minerals pleaded for an adjournment. Confronted with the truth of what is in the affidavit of the state of Western Australia they said, "We need an adjournment." That adjournment was granted only after Mr Palmer gave undertakings to the Supreme Court of Queensland that he would take no action on the arbitration award or upon the registration of it in the Queensland Supreme Court, so there is another lie. He is compulsive.

As the Premier said yesterday, I ask all members of the Western Australian public, when reading Mr Palmer's black and yellow double-page garbage advertisement in *The West Australian*, to bear in mind that its author is a serial, compulsive liar, and that has been established in this chamber, as I said, beyond reasonable doubt.