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OPPOSITION WANTS TO GAG INDEPENDENTS

"How petty of the Member for Greatorex, Richard Lim, to suggest Independents have no right to respond to Ministerial Reports!".

Lorraine Braham, Independent Member for Braitling, was responding to Dr Lim's comments on the Parliament's Standing Orders Committee report recommending Independents be allowed to speak to Ministerial Reports.

"Dr Lim fails to recognise that we are all equal in this Parliament. He says it is 'unfair' for Independents to have a say", said Mrs Braham.

"The report clearly recognises that Independents do have an important role in this House."

Mrs Braham said that Independents have broadened debate with their responses.

"Independents do not always agree with the Government. And I would have thought the Opposition would welcome all the help they can get".

"Government or Opposition have no right to gag Independents".

"To the contrary, they should encourage it. This is the sign of a robust democracy where the people have elected their choice to represent them in parliament."

"We have as much right to speak in this House as every other member".

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