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Labor's FIFO concentration camp analogy appalling

Labor MP Jo-Ann Miller's comments comparing mine accommodation facilities in regional Queensland to 'concentration camps' have been described as "appalling and insensitive" by Deputy Premier Jeff Seeney.

- "Mrs Miller should immediately apologise to survivors of World War II concentration camps for using their pain and suffering to score cheap political points in a campaign to help her union mates," Mr Seeney said.
- "I understand the B'Nai B'rith Anti-Defamation Commission an organisation dedicated to fighting anti-Semitism and bigotry has today condemned Mrs Miller's comments as 'offensive' and called for her to retract her remarks.
- "I'm sure many Queenslanders would find it abhorrent that she is exploiting their terrible experiences to create newspaper headlines.
- "What's even more disturbing is the lack of leadership shown by Opposition Leader Annastacia Palaszczuk in not calling Mrs Miller to heel."

Mr Seeney said Labor's anti-FIFO comments are clearly part of a union industrial campaign aimed at regaining control of the mine sector workforce.

- "This is a last-ditch effort by unions like the CFMEU to salvage what they can of their fading power in our mining communities," Mr Seeney said.
- "This is about unions wanting to have a captive audience of mine-workers that live in town so that they can control their life in and out of work.
- "Unions aren't happy that our government is providing a choice for employees to live where they like rather than being dictated to in communities that have historically been run by unions.
- "Jo-Ann Miller is the mouthpiece of the CFMEU. They support her. They fund her.
- "I call on the CFMEU to reprimand her for her tasteless comments, given that the Leader of the Opposition won't."