

Politics Podcast: Matt Canavan on divorce in the LNP and discipline in the Coalition

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The Liberal National Party's loss in the Queensland election has sparked demerger talk, while at a federal level it has emboldened the Nationals to take a more independent line.

Nationals federal cabinet minister Matt Canavan, who is a Queenslander, doesn't agree that breaking up the LNP would solve any problems politically: "you can't unscramble the egg."

Despite being an opponent of a royal commission into the banks, Canavan says the government's change of tune to support it demonstrates the strong ability of National backbenchers to push their agenda.

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