

Honestly believing that he is the victim

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CRAIG Thomson's tears were real and he genuinely believes he is the victim, a leading body language expert said.

Communications specialist Michael Kelly said yesterday the anxiety in the Dobell MP's voice and his shaking hands were genuine signs of a man under a lot of strain who feels deeply wronged by the Health Services Union saga.

However it was likely Mr Thomson had received some coaching prior to yesterday's parliamentary address, with his constant reaching for the water glass a tactic to prevent him from "losing it".

"Craig feels deeply wronged, deeply hurt and I think he's convinced himself of that," Mr Kelly said.

Mr Thomson broke down midway through his speech when he claimed reporters from Channel 7 had lurked underneath his bathroom window while his pregnant wife was showering.

"What you don't expect is Channel 7 reporters to be hovering, hovering underneath the bathroom window ... while my pregnant wife is having a shower," he said.

Seven denied the claim last night, stating it was the first time it had heard such an allegation. "We have spoken to reporters who visited his home and they vigorously deny any such behaviour," the network said in a statement.

"All they did was to knock on the front door. In the first case, it was answered by a woman. On the other occasion, there was no answer.

"In both cases, they left as soon as it was obvious no one was home or wanted to speak."

Mr Thomson launched an attack on the opposition and the media, blaming them for death threats that had been made against him.

He opened his statement to parliament by reading from emails and letters, and transcripts of a phone call, he had received.

"Go cut your wrists or better still hang yourself," Mr Thomson read.

"You are dead - a bullet between the eyes will save taxpayers' money."

Pointing to the opposition benches and the press gallery, Mr Thomson said: "You have unleashed the lynch mob.

"And you have fanned it. And for that you all ultimately are responsible."