



Speech by

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ONE NATION PARTY

Mr MUSGROVE (Springwood—ALP) (9.42 p.m.): This morning the member for Tablelands responded quite vigorously to an answer given by the Deputy Premier to a question about racism tags being attached to the One Nation Party. The member for Tablelands seemed quite hurt and quite precious when it was suggested that the public perception of his party was one of a racist party or, indeed, that a reasonable person, given One Nation's publicly stated policies, could possibly conceive of it as racist.

Mr Feldman: That is correct. It cannot possibly be seen as racist.

Mr MUSGROVE: I thank the member for Caboolture for his interjection. I will give the House some reasons that it can be seen as racist. For starters, I refer to the document tabled this morning by the Deputy Premier: Pauline Hanson's One Nation policy document, Immigration, Population and Social Cohesion.

Mr Feldman: A well-constructed document.

Mr MUSGROVE: It is a well-constructed document indeed. It has many numbered points, one of which is principle seven. It states—

"Our migrant intake will be non-discriminatory on condition that the numbers do not significantly alter the ethnic and cultural make up of the country."

I think we all know what that means. That means that if you are Anglo you are in, and if you are not you are out. Quite clearly, that is a race-based immigration policy. Migrant intake is predicated on the basis that it will not alter the make-up of the Australian community. Quite clearly, that is a race-based immigration policy.

Mr Sullivan: That says that race is a criterion.

Mr MUSGROVE: I thank the member for Chermside. Race is a criterion, so how could the policy possibly be non-discriminatory? I turn to the Bulletin of 22 October 1996. In it the One Nation Leader, the member for Oxley, stated—

"My fear is that if we keep going the way we're going, as my mother has said for many years, the yellow race will rule the world ..."

She went on to say, "It's very frightening." Are these not words of someone with racially motivated intentions? Would it not be reasonable for an ordinary member of the community to assume—

Mr Feldman: Will you table that?

Mr MUSGROVE: Those documents are tabled. The member for Caboolture can look at them in his own time. These examples are indicative; they are by no means exhaustive. I turn to the One Nation Leader's maiden speech. In it she stated—

"I believe we are in danger of being swamped by Asians. Between 1984 and 1995, 40 per cent of all migrants coming to this country were of Asian origin. They have their own culture and religion, form ghettos and do not assimilate."

I can only presume that these are reasons for the so-called non-discriminatory immigration policy. In the West Australian of 2 May 1997, the Federal One Nation Leader stated—

"I am not Asian, I don't want to become Asian, I do not want to be part of Asia."

She went on—

"If they are not prepared to stand beside us and be one of us then I would be prepared to take them to the airport, put them on a plane and wave them goodbye."

Her views are not restricted to the many good Australians who are of Asian descent or origin. Aboriginals, the indigenous Australians, also come in for a good belt under One Nation's policy platforms and public statements. That is why it would be reasonable for an ordinary person to assume that yours is a racist party.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Reeves): Order! I remind the member to address his remarks through the Chair.

Mr MUSGROVE: I quote The Truth by Pauline Hanson—a wonderful document. I have read it. One Nation members cannot complain that they are being misquoted, because I have it here. In relation to indigenous Australians it states—

"The genocide claim is nonsense ... many Aborigines benefited from being taken from their families.

...

In our opinion, the real 'genocide' which is occurring in Australia today is the dispossession of the majority of Anglo-Australians. In our cities girls as young as 14 sell sex for as little as \$10 to buy drugs from Asian gangs ... "

That is what One Nation, which claims to be a party not based on race——

Mr Feldman interjected.

Mr MUSGROVE: Please understand, I am not calling the member for Caboolture a racist.

Mr Feldman interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The member for Caboolture!

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Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Time expired.
