



Speech by

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**MEMBER FOR SPRINGWOOD**

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**ONE NATION PARTY**

**Mr MUSGROVE** (Springwood—ALP) (10.16 a.m.): The member for Tablelands and the member for Caboolture get very upset when anyone dares to suggest that the members of their party, the One Nation Party—sitting in the back row—could possibly be seen as racist. Last night I tabled a number of documents in relation to their racist remarks.

**Mr NELSON:** I rise to a point of order. I find the statement that they are racist offensive and I ask for it to be withdrawn.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Order! The member has found the statement offensive and has asked for it to be withdrawn.

**Mr MUSGROVE:** I will withdraw, even though I did not refer to the individual member. I was talking in general terms about how a member of the community may perceive—quite reasonably—that the One Nation Party is racist.

Following on from my contribution last night, I will give members a few more quotes from Pauline Hanson's One Nation Policy Document—Immigration, Population and Social Cohesion, which was tabled by the Deputy Premier yesterday. In relation to immigration, it states—

"The program will be non-discriminatory, unless immigration numbers are such that the program will alter the ethnic and cultural make up of our country."

I put it to the House that this is a race-based immigration policy. I will go on. Let us see why One Nation wants this. Pauline Hanson is quoted in the Bulletin of 22 October 1996 as stating—

"Maybe I do come in like a Sherman tank, (but) how else am I going to say that I want a halt on Asians coming into the country."

Why are our Asian trading partners afraid? This is why. Why are our indigenous communities afraid? I will tell honourable members why.

**Mr Nelson** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Order! The member for Tablelands will cease interjecting.

**Mr MUSGROVE:** I now quote from The Truth by Pauline Hanson. It states—

"Much has been made of the so-called genocide of the Aborigines by the white settlers. This is a myth, and is false by definition."

The genocide of indigenous Australians is a myth!

**Mr Nelson** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Order! The member for Tablelands!

**Mr MUSGROVE:** Why do people regard One Nation as racist? That is why. Do we also deny the Holocaust? Do we deny the genocide of indigenous Australians? How far will it go?

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