



Speech by

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**COMMENTS BY MEMBER FOR SPRINGWOOD**

**Mr KNUTH** (Burdekin—ONP) (11.04 p.m.): Last night the member for Indooroopilly spoke against the moronic comments made by the member for Springwood against the elderly generation of this House, not to mention the outrageous attacks he made on firearm owners in Queensland, which gave the impression that anyone who owns a firearm will eventually turn that firearm upon his wife. What a stupid and ridiculous statement to make about the hundreds of thousands of firearm owners in this State.

One Nation supports the views of the member for Indooroopilly, and One Nation will also seek every available resource to ensure that the Hansard transcript of the statement of the member for Springwood is issued to all of the households in his electorate. I will also ensure that the member for Springwood's statement is issued throughout the electorate of Burdekin. I am quite sure that many elderly voters, especially Labor voters, of Burdekin would be very interested in hearing those comments. Also, I should remind the member for Springwood that one day he, too, will grow old. For his sake, I pray that some 30-year-old whelp still wet behind the ears will not criticise the age of members in the same way as he did.

I remind the House that growing old is something that none of us can prevent. We all grow old. We cannot get away from that. But the fact is that our minds and our spirits do not grow old. The statement by the honourable member for Springwood was ridiculous. I also remind the Premier of his pledge to take the moral high ground and of the need to chastise his youthful elitist before he further damages the Labor Party's commitment to ensuring that members are respectful in this House.

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