



Speech by

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MULTICULTURALISM

Mr REYNOLDS (Townsville—ALP) (8.31 p.m.): This morning, I wondered why there were six One Nation members present late last night.

Mr Borbidge: This morning or this evening.

Mr REYNOLDS: I said that I wondered why there were six One Nation members present last night for the outrageous attack by the member for Lockyer on our multicultural policy. Each of the One Nation members, including their leader, the member for Caboolture, salivated as they admired this ugly and divisive attack on ethnic groups who are proud of their history and heritage. After this scurrilous attack, each of the six One Nation members left the Chamber gleefully agreeing with the remarks of the member for Lockyer.

To exemplify the gross hypocrisy shown last night by the Leader of One Nation in this Parliament, on Monday night he attended a function where 11 distinguished Queenslanders received multiculturalism awards. Then last night he salivated and patted the member for Lockyer on the back, congratulating him on his racist attacks on multiculturalism. That further exemplifies the principles and practices of the One Nation leader who, on the one hand, has the appearance of consideration and equity while on the other hand he indulges in the practice of marginalising and isolating people because of their ethnicity or the colour of their skin. The hypocrisy of the One Nation Party is highlighted when it talks about multiculturalism in this Chamber.
