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MULGRAVE BY-ELECTION

Mr LUCAS (Lytton—ALP) (10.24 a.m.): The day before yesterday in this House we heard the member for Tablelands and the One Nation Party bleating about the allocation of Labor preferences in the coming Mulgrave by-election. The Premier was true to his word. People know what Labor is talking about; we put One Nation last. We see in today's Courier-Mail that the National Party, the party that said it did not support optional preferential voting, has copped out on putting One Nation last by using how-to-vote cards which show only a "1" next to its candidate.

What about One Nation itself? What is its record on preferences? Let us look at what happened during the last State election. One Nation changed its direction more times than a washing machine agitator. First, it was not going to direct preferences to any party. Second, it was to direct preferences to political parties in about six seats. Then it was to direct preferences in less than 20 seats—probably about 12. Then on the day of the election it directed preferences in 15 key seats—all to the National and Liberal Parties. People such as the member for Redlands, of the One Nation Nationals, can thank One Nation for supporting a pro-GST National/Liberal coalition.

What about the Federal election? We had the so-called double-sided how-to-vote card, the Clayton's how-to-vote card, with the coalition side coloured and the Labor side bland. One Nation was caught out in Capricornia. The pre-poll preferences all went to the National Party. In Groom, the double sided how-to-vote card directed preferences to the National Party on both sides!

One thing is for sure in Mulgrave: no matter what happens and no matter what One Nation says between now and the by-election, on the day its preferences will go to the pro-GST National Party to support Rob Borbidge and his sell-out of Queensland on the GST.