



Speech by

Hon. V. LESTER
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MANLY ROAD TRAFFIC ACTION GROUP

Hon. V. P. LESTER (Keppel—NPA) (10.21 a.m.): Recently, members of the Manly Road Traffic Action Group made representations to me about their frustration with the Brisbane City Council over being affected by realignment of roadworks at Manly. I listened to what they had to say. They placed their concerns in writing. I wrote a decent supporting letter to the Lord Mayor asking simply: could he see them? I got back, in part, a tirade of abuse. The Lord Mayor's letter referred to things such as: "conspired with the One Nation Party", "smutty deal", saving my seat by way of One Nation—and incidentally, it did not give me its No. 1 preference—and "racial intolerance". In addition, the Lord Mayor wrote that I "helped to spawn" racial division. The letter goes on and on, and it is the most unbelievable exhibition I have ever seen in my life. I simply say to the Lord Mayor: I am not interested in that. Will he please see those people who want decent representation? That is all they want.

I seek leave to table all the documents, and the Parliament can make up its own mind.

Leave granted.
