



Speech by

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CABOOLTURE ELECTORATE

Mr FELDMAN (Caboolture—ONP) (10.11 a.m.): I rise today to formally express the gratitude of the Caboolture electorate to the leaders and front bench members of the Beattie Labor Government, the National Party and the Liberal Party because never before—at least not in the last 10 years—have the Caboolture people seen such bipartisan interest in Caboolture. Call the community cynical, if one will, but they see this intervention as a desperate grab for the voter base that the major parties lost at the last State election.

Community leaders wish me to pass on their total appreciation and their request that the major parties continue to fight over who gets credence for what project and who receives kudos for what lobbying. The people of Caboolture are so thankful for the pennies from heaven that keep falling into this electorate—an electorate that is so under pressure from the reduced infrastructure inflicted upon it that the recent approvals are just catching up with the abuse and neglect from both sides of this House over the last 10 years.

In the last two weeks, we have seen \$350,000 fall out of the back pocket of the Minister for Transport for the Bribe bridge. Mr Don Craig, the real lobbyist in the electorate, wishes to thank the Minister for that little bit of money that fell out of his back pocket. The Elimbah State School P & C Committee wishes to thank the Minister for Education for the \$820,000 that fell out of his back pocket last week. He must have had a big tear in his back pocket. The school was very much under strain because of its inadequate toilet facilities. The new facility was badly needed. I have already thanked the Minister for Police for the extra 10 police who have been assigned to the area since February this year.

My electorate has been so under pressure from increased population numbers and increased student numbers that it is hoping that the pockets of all Ministers on the front bench are as deep and have as many tears as those of the Ministers I have mentioned because it will take a lot of chaff to buy back the votes from this disempowered, disfranchised and disgruntled voter base. The people in my electorate are looking forward to the ministerial pockets being as big and as torn as those I have mentioned and for the money to keep falling on the electorate and making it as green as grass once again.

The people of my electorate do not want to see neglect any longer; they want to see the money, which they have been wanting for the past 10 years, coming into the electorate.

Time expired.
