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Mr MUSGROVE (Springwood—ALP) (10.23 a.m.): I rise today to report to the House that the western suburbs faction of the Liberal Party has fought back against the Santo stack. Under the bizarre rules for State preselections in the Liberal Party, a person stacked into a Federal division of the Liberal Party can vote in a preselection for any State seat within that Federal division. I am pleased to report that the folks from Sanctuary Cove, Labrador and Hope Island all had their vote in the Liberal Party preselection for Springwood.

In the dark of night, 50 kilometres away from the seat of Springwood, a preselection was held. Mr John Sutherland, a close friend and confidante, as I understand, of the member for Moggill, engineered this preselection. Of course, there were two candidates. And guess where they are from? We had a Santo candidate and a western suburbs candidate. The Santo candidate was a Mr John Phelan. Who was the western suburbs candidate? "Land swap" Bob, the failed Brisbane City Council candidate for Lord Mayor and resident of Brisbane City!

Who won? I can report to the House that the western suburbs faction won the day. All the members who were stacked in from the Gold Coast won the day. I say this to members of the western suburbs faction: thanks for the dud. I understand local Liberals, and they are coming to me in streams, have all but given up, because they have a dud they cannot sell—the infamous "Land swap" Bob, a person with a seedy, seedy past who was defeated on the basis of selling koala land in a shady land deal. He is now the candidate for Springwood in Logan City and the local Liberals have all but given up.
