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Mr MUSGROVE (Springwood—ALP) (10.29 a.m.): In hearing the contributions from those opposite, I am somewhat disappointed that the contributions made this morning bear no resemblance whatsoever to the dissenting report presented to the committee and to the House. The majority report of the committee ran to some 10 pages. Attached to the back of that is a few paragraphs from the Opposition which do not substantially disagree with the majority report. But today we are once again seeing a grubby attempt to turn this potentially most serious of public health issues into a political issue.

I congratulate the Minister for Public Works and Minister for Housing for the courage he showed in referring this issue to the committee, even though the Opposition spokesperson is a member of that committee. I think it is most important that committee inquiries are conducted in a serious and apolitical fashion. It is particularly disappointing when people in this place cannot separate their shadow ministerial responsibilities from their committee responsibilities.
