



Speech by

Hon. KEN HAYWARD

MEMBER FOR KALLANGUR

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Allegation of Misconduct

Hon. K. W. HAYWARD (Kallangur—ALP) (10.07 a.m.), by leave: Late last night in what was at times vigorous debate on the Forestry Amendment Bill, the shadow Minister, Mr Cooper, suggested to this Parliament that, if I was to quote him, I was "on meths". Because of the rowdiness of the debate, it was not until I read the Hansard proof that I became aware of Mr Cooper's comments. I have taken his comments to mean that I was drinking methylated spirits. I do not want to sound too precious about this, but such a comment is outrageous, wrong, unparliamentary and, as I am sure Mr Cooper knows, totally without foundation.

I am sure the member for Crows Nest never meant to say it. To give him the benefit of the doubt, he has had little history of such behaviour in the time I have known him. I trust he will make that clear to the Parliament this morning, as I am sure he is an honourable person.

Hon. T. R. COOPER (Crows Nest—NPA) (10.08 a.m.): Mr Speaker, I am perfectly happy to make it clear to the Parliament that that comment was said in the heat of the moment. I have a very good relationship with the honourable member for Kallangur and can assure him that it was not meths that he was drinking.
