



Speech by

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr Kluska

Hon. R. E. BORBIDGE (Surfers Paradise—NPA) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.13 a.m.), by leave: In the RFA debate on 27 October I referred to the case of a Mr Kluska. In response, the Deputy Premier said as follows—

"I refer to Mr Kluska. Again, there was an unmitigated untruth. This morning, the Leader of the Opposition said that Mr Kluska's access to material at North Arm was being withdrawn. That is true, because it is going into the reserve. However, the Leader of the Opposition did not go on to say that Mr Kluska has already been offered two alternative sources of timber, one at the Caloundra turn-off and the other at Gympie."

He went on to say that I had misled the House.

My colleague, the member for Noosa, has received correspondence from Mr Kluska, which I will read into the parliamentary record. It says—

"Dear Sir,

On the day my letter dated 15-10-99 was read in Parliament it was stated that I had already been given a new sale permit area."

That was mentioned by the Deputy Premier. The letter continues—

"This was incorrect. The only communication I had was a phone call from a senior officer from DPI in Brisbane later that day stating that he may have a sales permit area for me at Beerburum or Gympie which I said was not suitable for my requirements as this is approx 50 km from my home. My original sales permit area about 3 km from my work base. I have also had other phone calls from DPI forestry that they have no sale permit area and existing area SF689 will expire some time in December 1999 or January 2000."

In other words, contrary to the deliberate attempt by the Deputy Premier to misrepresent me, Mr Kluska was contacted after we raised this matter in the Parliament.
