



Speech by

**Hon. R. E. BORBIDGE**

**MEMBER FOR SURFERS PARADISE**

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**STATE GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING**

**Hon. R. E. BORBIDGE** (Surfers Paradise—NPA) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.26 a.m.): Again in the Parliament today, we have seen a continuation of the campaign by the Premier and his Government to widen the great divide between the city and the bush, as the member for Brisbane Central continues to try to justify his actions which will undermine the viability of thousands of Queensland farms and thousands of Queensland families. One thing is for sure: the actions of the member for Brisbane Central will mean that, in country Queensland, he will never be forgotten but, equally, he will never be forgiven.

The revolt is growing against this Government and its despicable, disgraceful Goebbels-like campaign in the media in terms of trying to paint farmers and people who live on the land as evil when it comes to issues of environmental management. Today, we see the Government again continuing to try to justify its position by way of taxpayer-funded advertisements that probably breach both the rulings of the Australian Broadcasting Authority and the draft guidelines handed down by the Auditor-General. The Auditor-General has previously stated—

**Mr BEATTIE:** I rise to a point of order. The honourable member is misleading the House. The television advertisements which are providing information have been approved by the appropriate authority, and the other ones do not breach the Auditor-General's guidelines.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Order!

**Mr BORBIDGE:** We will see how the Premier deals with the complaints. The Auditor-General has previously said, in terms of draft guidelines, that Government advertising should not relate to issues that have not been approved by the Parliament and that that Government advertising should be going to the people affected. I did not know that there were many farmers in Quilpie who bought the Courier-Mail and did not buy—

Time expired.

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