



Speech by

Hon. V. LESTER

MEMBER FOR KEPPEL

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CAPRICORN COAST FIRE SERVICE

Hon. V. P. LESTER (Keppel—NPA) (7 p.m.): I was very pleased to learn this afternoon that the member for Charters Towers had received a phone call from the Minister for Emergency Services, Merri Rose, to advise—

Mrs Rose interjected.

Mr LESTER: How about the Capricorn Coast? Can I get an answer on that? I do need an answer on the Capricorn Coast in relation to our fire service.

Mrs Rose: It was you who went running off to the media.

Mr LESTER: Come on! She gave me an answer. She has to take the names off the list. That is what she has to do—take the names off the list! Am I going to get a guarantee they will not be closed down?

Mrs Rose interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Mickel): Order! The member should not interject from other than her own seat.

Mrs Rose: You've lost all credibility in the UFU. Ask me a question.

Mr LESTER: I will ask the Minister a question: are they going to—

Mrs Rose: Ask me a question on it.

Mr LESTER: I will ask the Minister a question.

Mrs Rose: Ask me a question.

Mr LESTER: I cannot ask; I am not the relevant shadow Minister.

Mrs Rose: Did you read the Morning Bulletin this morning—the editorial? What did they say about you in the Morning Bulletin?

Mr LESTER: That is all right. There is a list there, dated 13 August, that has Emu Park and Yeppoon on it and it is as clear as a bell. All we need is a guarantee we will save those jobs. The Minister gave it to me earlier in the year. Then this went on the list again, and it should not have been on the list. That is the point I am making.

Mrs Rose: It's the same document you are referring to.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The Minister!

Mr LESTER: It is not the same document. A document dated 13 August is not the same as one dated back last year. All I am saying is that it will go off the list.

Mrs Rose interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The Minister will cease interjecting.

Mr LESTER: It is all right. I am trying to find out. I do not mind.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: I do mind.

Mr LESTER: I have had to stand up for my people and ensure that this will not be a full-time—
Time expired.