



Speech by

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MR W. D'ARCY, SUPERANNUATION PAYOUT

Dr WATSON (Moggill—LP) (Leader of the Liberal Party) (10.20 a.m.): Earlier this year I raised serious concerns about the Premier's decision to approve a special \$14,000 tax break on the \$665,000 superannuation payout to former member Bill D'Arcy. This scam was based on the phoney proposition that Mr D'Arcy had a desperately dicky ticker and that he was so sick he could not work then and would never work again. Nothing could be further from the truth. The fact is that Mr D'Arcy had to be prised from office with taxpayers' money.

Mr Mackenroth interjected.

Dr WATSON: The member for Chatsworth said that he had not worked for years. I am sure a lot of people would agree with him. The problem was not his heart, it was his hip pocket nerve. Mr D'Arcy did not resign because he had a leaky valve; he resigned because the Premier threatened his super. This is a scam pure and simple. In public the Premier was claiming—

Mr BEATTIE: I find those remarks offensive and untrue. I seek for them to be withdrawn.

Dr WATSON: I withdraw, but I will let the record speak for itself.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! The member will just withdraw.

Dr WATSON: I said, "I withdraw". In public the Premier was claiming credit for kicking Mr D'Arcy out of Parliament. In private he was approving Mr D'Arcy's application for a \$14,000 tax break based upon total and permanent disability. That is the way the Beattie Government does business, like its convenient leak to the Courier-Mail last week while the Premier was in Jakarta.

MR BEATTIE: I rise to a point of order. I find the remarks by the Leader of the Liberal Party offensive and untrue in terms of the approval process and I seek for them to be withdrawn. Everyone knows that I sought Crown Law advice on this matter, and I seek that they be withdrawn.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! The Premier has asked for a withdrawal.

Dr WATSON: I will withdraw what he does not like, but he just confirmed that he was involved. We must now know that this scam has come unstuck, but not for want of trying. Nothing can change the fact the Premier cut a dodgy deal—

Time expired.
