



Speech by

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ELECTORAL FRAUD

Dr WATSON (Moggill—LP) (Leader of the Liberal Party) (10.18 a.m.): The Beattie Government has a lot of explaining to do about electoral corruption in the ALP ranks, but its greater crime is its sheer incompetence. Queensland is being run by a can't do clown in a can't do circus. The list of can't do projects has grown year by year, week by week over the past years. I listened to the Premier's ministerial statement this morning, which was an apology for the things he has not done.

Yesterday we heard the Premier backing away from his smoking reforms. On ABC radio this morning we heard the Energy Minister say that we should not worry if the PNG pipeline turns belly up because there are plenty of other ways of getting our gas. This was supposed to be the Government's signature project. The can't do basket is overflowing with can't do projects such as Technomart, Expo 2002—

Mr Elder: What are you dribbling about?

Dr WATSON: The Deputy Premier should remember Technomart. There might be something in the Auditor-General's report today about it. The Government could not do Technomart and it could not do Expo 2002, Brisbane light rail—and I notice that the Minister for Transport is not even in the Chamber—the Noosa film festival or the Brisbane flower festival. It could do none of those things, and a dozen other projects are looking decidedly shaky.

Does anyone remember the Premier's proposal for a viewing platform at the top of 111 George Street? Where is that now? What about the proposal for a tennis centre at Doomben? Where has that gone? What about Chevron and the Nathan dam? They are both on the slippery slope, and so is the waste water pipeline to the Darling Downs. Two and a half years ago the Premier promised 5% unemployment. Halfway through his term, it is 8%. That is what the Budget said. That is what the Budget expects it to be. On the other side of the ledger, there was the "Beattie Burger", the Government sponsored racing car. In the past couple of years his major announcement has been a logo—the "Beattie Burger". What a joke about this Government! We also had the prospect of boutique brothels from one end of the State to the other.

Time expired.
