



Speech by

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#### **KILCOY POULTRY FARM**

**Mrs PRATT** (Barambah—IND) (10.08 a.m.): There is a situation in beautiful Kilcoy that has a particular pong about it, and the residents wish to make their feelings known. Imagine waking up one morning at a bed and breakfast cottage in the peaceful countryside after an exhausting day and being woken not to the sound of birds chirping but by the combined crowing and clucking of 80,000 chooks and roosters just 250 metres from the bedroom window. The proprietor tells us that, although breakfast would normally be served on the veranda, the wind is blowing from the wrong direction and the aroma of 80,000 chooks has forced her to close the windows.

For years Governments have been pushing tourism. They have encouraged farmers—and I note that in the first week of deregulation another 17 dairy farmers have put up their herds for sale—to look to tourism.

Vineyards have increased around the South Burnett and are making their mark, recently winning some prestigious awards. Now a poultry farm has done a deal to erect this 80,000 head poultry farm right in the middle of, and in close proximity to, vineyards and small tourist operations at Neurum. I visited the proposed site, and a more suitable location than in the middle of a budding tourist area should be found.

No-one in this area is opposed to the poultry farm or industry moving to their area. They are aware of the employment benefits for such an enterprise and they work very hard to encourage business to the area. They are simply opposed to the proposed location. They welcome new businesses to their area, but they believe that there is a place for everything. Meetings have now been arranged with the Ministers, and I hope that they may be able to assist the Neurum Action Group and the Kilcoy council to reach an amicable solution to this problem.

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