



Speech by

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE INDUSTRY

Mr STEPHAN (Gympie—NPA) (7.24 p.m.): It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the fruit and vegetable growers of Queensland on their vision for the future. They have been putting this vision together over a period, and it has certainly been very well received. By 2003 the horticultural industry in Queensland will be a globally competitive, respected and cohesive industry driven by satisfying customer and market needs, resulting in improved profitability, sustainability and lifestyle for those growers. We can look back at the fruit and vegetable industry and recognise the work that many people have been doing in that industry over the years.

The key industries have certainly been to the fore, and it is good to see them driving forward all the time. There has been a significant improvement in their ability to deliver long lines of safe, consistent quality fruit and vegetables to national and international customers. State and Commonwealth growers will certainly benefit from the development of marketing arrangements that enhance commercial control and influence beyond the farm gate.

Time expired.
