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CITY COUNTRY ALLIANCE/INDEPENDENT MEMBERS, VOTING PATTERNS

Mr LUCAS (Lytton—ALP) (10.06 a.m.): In December last year I advised the House of the voting record in this place of the then One Nation and One Nation Independent members. Despite six of them holding seats formerly held by Labor, these hypocrites who claim to garner some support from working men and women voted from 90% to 98% of the time against the Labor Party in this House.

I table for the benefit of the House a table I have prepared of their voting performance from the State election up to and including Thursday, 22 June 2000. The figures were bad enough last time, but since then they have tried even harder to vote with the Liberals and Nationals, who care not a fig about the plight of the battler. Again topping the poll with his pro-National Party voting record is the member for Burdekin, Mr Knuth, who voted with the Labor Government on only 4 divisions out of a total of 313, down from 1.7% to 1.3% of the time. In fact, every City Country Alliance and One Nation Independent member decreased even further the proportion of time they voted with Labor. Of those who won seats from Labor, the member for Whitsunday voted against the Labor Government 95.9% of the time, the member for Hervey Bay 94.3% of the time, the member for Caboolture 94% of the time, the member for Maryborough 93.2% of the time, the member for Ipswich West 94.4% of the time, with the member for Thuringowa, a veritable mad socialist, bringing up the rear—he voted against Labor 91% of the time.

Despite their constant pro-National Party voting record, one other thing that has been consistent about the rabble opposite, who have variously described themselves as One Nation, One Nation Independent and City Country Alliance, is that in every electoral outing they have had since their election they have gone further and further downhill and are now rock bottom at 4%.

We can all remember how desperate One Nation was to give its preferences to the coalition candidates at State and Federal elections. We on this side of the House will not cease from pointing out the sleazy One Nation preference deal which ensured the election of the members for Charters Towers, Redlands and Keppel. It is a simple fact that National and Liberal preferences ensured the election of One Nation candidates in 8 of 11 seats, namely, Burdekin, Caboolture, Hervey Bay, Ipswich West, Maryborough, Mulgrave, Thuringowa and Whitsunday. No wonder they are bending over backwards to vote so often with the Nationals and Liberals in this House! They are nothing less than a Hard Right faction of the National Party.
