



Speech by

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BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

Mr REEVES (Mansfield—ALP) (10.20 a.m.): The taxpayers of Australia are funding the Brisbane City Council Liberal campaign under the guidance of the Clayton's director, Federal member for Moreton, Gary Hardgrave. Gary Hardgrave appears to have become the new campaign director of the Liberal campaign. Mr Hardgrave is using his office and taxpayers' funds to send out literature attacking the Labor council and Lord Mayor.

Residents are receiving letters from Mr Hardgrave, not addressed to the suburb in which they live but the council ward in which they vote. I table one of those letters. This is the most blatant misuse of taxpayers' money to help fund the failing Liberal campaign in the city. We have all heard the story that the Liberals have no money, no support and no friends for the campaign.

Obviously, Mr Hardgrave has taken it upon himself to decide that the taxpayers should fund the Liberals' campaign under his addressing. To address letters to residents using the council ward in which they vote, not the suburb in which they live, illustrates clearly that they are aimed as election material.

Further evidence that Mr Hardgrave is a Clayton's campaign director could have been heard on Brisbane radio station 4BC last Friday morning. Mr Hardgrave was shown up using people as a political football to attack the Lord Mayor. Obviously, he is trying to demonstrate to the Liberals that he is their knight in shining armour. The unfortunate part is that the armour is all paid for by the taxpayers, not him.

Instead of using his office as the campaign headquarters for the failing Liberal city council campaign, Mr Hardgrave would be better off informing residents about the GST, and especially its impact on the hundreds of people who live in caravan parks and mobile home villages in his electorate, or informing residents of what he is doing about Telstra's treatment of its staff. It is quite obvious that Gary Hardgrave is worried about not only the citywide Liberal campaign but also the future of his mate Graham Quirk, because of the excellent campaign that that excellent candidate, Cameron Dick, is running in the Wishart ward.
