



Speech by

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ELECTORAL FRAUD

Hon. R. E. BORBIDGE (Surfers Paradise—NPA) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.19 a.m.): As the history of the Labor electoral corruption scandal starts to unveil, it is interesting to look at the comments made by the Premier in respect of these issues. On WIN television news in Townsville on Wednesday, 4 December, he said—

"There's no internal party investigation or any sort of that nonsense."

On Radio 4TO on Wednesday, 4 December 1996, the Premier stated—

"Basically what I've said is that we've had a couple of keen plebiscites and that's healthy for the party. There's now an outcome, we've got two good candidates and we want to focus on the provision of good Government when we're re-elected."

Then on 4 December 1996 the Premier stated—

"I've had a chat with Karen as I have with Mike and I've indicated to both of them that there's no point continuing to respond to a bit of bruises that have come out of a couple of plebiscites."

So right from day one, the Premier has looked the other way. This morning, we see the allegations about Caboolture. I make this observation—and it has been made by a Labor insider—the programs that Labor had in place at that time would have been sufficient to enable Labor Party workers to identify who was enrolled but not resident at an address. That claim has been made internally. The honourable member for Gregory is holding up a picture of some postboxes.

Mr Johnson: Would that be Caboolture? Would that be Townsville? Ipswich?

Mr BORBIDGE: Is that Mundingburra? Is that Townsville? Or is that Caboolture?

The fact is that the history of this is that a political leader looked the other way from day one when he was well aware that there were investigations under way into serious matters of electoral corruption that go far beyond—

Time expired.
