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ELECTORAL FRAUD

Mr HORAN (Toowoomba South—NPA) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.18 a.m.): The National Party welcomes the planned crackdown on electoral fraud that is occurring through the implementation of recommendations put forward in the Pyne report, particularly the recommendations about voter identification. It is interesting to note the Labor Party's resistance to some of these recommendations. There is a real smell around the state of the cheating and the rorting that has occurred in the past under the Labor Party, and it is time to get rid of it totally.

Government members interjected.

Mr HORAN: I hear a bit of laughter from members opposite. I do not think they take this very seriously. There is a real smell, and it is time to get rid of it. People spend a lot of time and energy thinking about who they are going to vote for and how they are going to get there and maintaining a voting system that has integrity, and they want to feel confident that everybody who is registered is properly and accurately registered and that everybody who votes is properly and accurately voting.

Government members interjected.

Mr HORAN: I still hear laughter from members opposite. They think this is some sort of a joke.

The National Party firmly believes in the need for, and the timely implementation of, voter identification both at the time people enrol and when they vote. We have heard from members opposite all sorts of excuses as to why there could not be proper identification at the time of voting, but none of it washes. People need identification to hire a bike, to catch an aeroplane, to hire a video or to obtain social security benefits. Everybody has to know who they are and be able to prove exactly who they are.

One starts to wonder: what is there to hide? What we need is a straightforward, clear, honest and accurate system without any mucking about so that the people of this state can feel absolutely confident that the rorting and the cheating which, for years, has been endemic in the Labor Party is gone and cannot be perpetrated in any way in the future.

Time expired.
