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PLANE CRASH, TOOWOOMBA

Mr HORAN (Toowoomba South—NPA) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.28 a.m.): I was going to talk on another matter this morning, but it seems that there has been a very tragic plane crash just on the western side of the Toowoomba Airport, so it is not the right time to continue with the particular topic that I was going to talk about. I appreciate very much the advice that I have been given by the Minister for Health. The minister has offered to take me up there, if necessary, during the day. I may have the Leader of Opposition Business in the House handle some of my business if that occurs.

This is a time for us all to consider what has occurred. The details are sketchy at this stage, but tragically some government employees may be involved. The sympathies of everybody in this House would go to their families and to the pilot and his family. As I said, the details are sketchy, but it does appear that the plane has gone down in an industrial area just on the western side of the airport. I know that whatever assistance is needed for the families or the emergency services who have tasks there will be made available. There is no need to ask for that; that will happen anyway.

I pass on the sympathies of the opposition—joining with the Minister for Health—in the event that it is the case, as we believe it is, that some employees of the government were involved.
