



Speech by

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Mr CUMMINS (Kawana—ALP) (10.28 a.m.): We all know that, under the gentle direction of the Bob Carroll-Santo Santoro faction, the Liberal Party has fought to be where it is in Queensland today. We on this side of the House continually expose its corrupt and slippery internal preselection practices, including the rotting that it gets away with, especially on the Sunshine Coast.

I am delighted to inform the House that our efforts have been rewarded and appreciated by the Sunshine Coast Liberals. I refer the House to the latest Sunshine Coast White Pages. This White Pages telephone directory, under a paid advertisement by the Liberal Party of Australia, lists a series of electorate offices. Honourable members would appreciate that after the state election the cost of advertisements has become considerably cheaper, and we thank Dr David. Members can imagine our surprise that in the desperation to increase its members, the Liberal Party has included the electorate of Mooloolah!

All honourable members know that since 2001 that electorate has ceased to exist. Of course, it became the new electorate of Kawana, which saw the largest swing against the conservatives in the state. Proving how out of touch the Liberals still are, it lists me as the Liberal member for Mooloolah under their heading. They wish! Members on this side of the House have always been keen to help out the Liberal Party, but I must draw the line here. However, I will advise members that I do give an open and honest opinion to any caller seeking political direction, especially those calling as a result of the White Pages ads.

The Premier has shown previously how the Liberal Party was out of touch with modern technology by a failure to update its web site. It is a shame that inept Liberals on the Sunshine Coast have extended this to old technology such as the White Pages telephone directory. Being listed above the member for Caloundra, I must say that I am 'Not happy, Joan'. I assure the members of this House and Sunshine Coast residents—indeed, all Queensland residents— that I have no intention of joining the three amigos!