



Speech by

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RACING INDUSTRY

Mr HOBBS (Warrego—NPA) (10.29 a.m.): The Queensland racing industry is in revolt. The thoroughbred racing industry is facing financial crisis because of the inadequate financial package forced on the racing industry by the privatisation of the TAB. In Queensland we race for \$23,000 per metropolitan meeting. In New South Wales it is \$57,000 and in Victoria it is \$66,000. Trainers, jockeys and horses are leaving Queensland for southern states. The Minister for Racing has done nothing to address these major issues and has done more to divide the industry than anyone else in this state. There have been four different administrations in two years. The appointed chairman was not acceptable to the whole industry, a point recognised by the original selection panel, and was not even on the reserve list. The appointment of a chairman onto a second secret panel—

Government members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order!

Mr HOBBS:—which breached the ministerial review of the thoroughbred racing code. It sets out those who are eligible for appointment if they are a member of a race club, a harness club, a greyhound club or a racing association, an association created to promote the interest of one or more participants in the thoroughbred racing industry. Clearly, the TAB—

Mr SPEAKER: Order! The member's time has expired.
