



Speech by

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Mr MICKEL (Logan—ALP) (10.20 a.m.): My hardworking fax machine has transmitted a copy of the much-lauded Liberal Party's performance agreement, introduced by the member for Robina and the Liberal Party President, Mr Caltabiano. The performance agreement will be familiar to members who have taken their family dog to an obedience school. The rules are the same; it is just that the penalty for failure is more severe.

The document states that the State Council may rescind the candidate's endorsement and select a new candidate if the performance review indicates a failure to deliver the agreed campaign, particularly due to a lack of effort in implementing the campaign program, or if candidates act contrary to the Liberal Party policy, platform or constitution or bring the party into disrepute, or if the party's professional independent research shows that the candidates would have an adverse impact on the party's standing. Members can understand why I am finding it difficult to resist the temptation to set up my own party polling company to help out the Liberal Party's state executive so that we can help it find good candidates.

I know that some members of this House will read this performance document and see it as an anti-Santoro document. This is particularly so in view of the clause that states that candidates must not comment in the media on party matters unless directed by the party's state director. If those rules applied when the former member for Clayfield was here, the Liberal Party would have removed him first, denying the good people of Clayfield their privilege of doing so. This would have taken the fun out of politics, especially for those members who have watched and enjoyed his performance on the 2001 channel 9 election night coverage video, which I have made available for Labor Party fundraisers.

Time expired.