



Speech by

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ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

Mr SPRINGBORG (Southern Downs—NPA) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.20 a.m.) Yesterday we saw in this parliament from this government the ultimate abuse of power by a government on the issue of power. Queenslanders witnessed the insult of a government congratulating itself on the destruction of the electricity industry in Queensland. As people were sitting in darkness in areas across Queensland, this government was standing in this place congratulating itself on the mismanagement of the electricity industry in Queensland. What an abuse of power from a government that has a huge parliamentary majority!

This morning we saw the Premier stand in this place and say that he is putting out an info sheet. That info sheet is available on his web site on the Internet. I would also like to advise the people of Queensland and members of this parliament that there is also another fact sheet on Springborg.com. It outlines the real facts behind why we have a power industry crisis, not the sanitised version that we are hearing and seeing from this government. This fact sheet will tell people what the Premier will not tell them. I advise all members to go to Springborg.com and see the facts behind it, to see what the ministers have said versus the reality.

During that debate yesterday we still did not hear from members opposite about how this crisis arose and who is responsible. We did not hear from members opposite what the final cost is going to be of fixing this crisis. We did not hear that among all of the self-congratulations.

The other point to make is that this issue sends a very, very bad signal to investors in other states and overseas who want to come to Queensland, because they know that they are not going to be able to be guaranteed a reliable power supply by this government. That is a sad indictment on this government. It is a sad indictment on the image of Queensland.

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