



Speech by

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## **ENERGEX; MR G. MADDOCK**

**Mr SPRINGBORG** (Southern Downs—NPA) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.25 a.m.): I rise to pass on the condolences of the Nationals to the family of the late Greg Maddock. This is a deeply personal time for the family and nobody in this place can understand absolutely everything that they are going through given the tragic circumstances surrounding Greg Maddock's death. There are indeed some unanswered questions surrounding that death and no doubt those matters will be pursued at another time. Greg Maddock did a very professional job under extremely difficult circumstances. It would be very difficult for us in this place to try to understand the enormous pressure and strain that he had been under in recent times. Personally, I think nobody in this place understands or knows more than I do the impact of a suicide of somebody who you know and you love very, very much.

The Nationals have been torn between the sensitivity to the Maddock family and our obligations and duties to Queenslanders to seek answers to the questions that have been on the tips of the tongues of many Queenslanders. The last 10 days or so have been a deeply personal and troubling time for the Maddock family and it has been a deeply troubling time for the Nationals and the opposition as we have struggled with that sensitivity to the family and the individual involved and also our duty to seek the answers to those questions.

Again, on behalf of the Nationals, I would like to pass on our very, very deep and sincere condolences to the Maddock family. Our words may assist you in some way, but they will not go in any way whatsoever to returning Greg to you. Not only has Mrs Maddock lost a very loving husband but also their children have lost a loving and doting father. The impact of his death will be felt not only by his immediate family but also by his extended family and also Greg's many very dear personal friends.