



Speech by

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MR W. LUDWIG

Mr SPRINGBORG (Southern Downs—NPA) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.28 a.m.): We have seen the Labor Party's factional heavyweight and master puppeteer, Bill Ludwig, again flex his muscles today. Fresh from arranging himself a job with the Board of Thoroughbred Racing in Queensland, he is now warning the government about their approach to hardwood timber communities.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! We have a point of order.

Mr SCHWARTEN: I rise to a point of order. What the honourable member said is untrue and offensive.

Mr Seeney interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! I will listen to the point of order.

Mr SCHWARTEN: Could I make my point, please?

Mr SPEAKER: Yes.

Mr SCHWARTEN: The honourable member stated that Mr Ludwig arranged himself a position on the board. That is not true. The honourable member is misleading the parliament. That is offensive and it needs to be withdrawn.

Mr SPEAKER: I cannot accept that point of order in that respect because it was not directed to the minister.

Mr SPRINGBORG: As I said, Mr Ludwig is the Labor Party's master puppeteer. Every time Mr Ludwig moves his right arm the Premier moves his right arm, every time he moves his left leg, the Premier moves his left leg. Mr Ludwig has said today in the press that this government must avoid making the same mistakes that Mark Latham made at the last federal election and that this government must avoid making the same mistakes with regard to selling out communities. What Mr Ludwig said today in his caution to the Premier is, 'Don't sell out those communities and those workers in the hardwood regions of Queensland.' We have had enough of this government selling out those people, sacrificing them to an extreme environmental agenda.'

We saw what happened at the last federal election. Mr Latham was repudiated by the people of Australia for those policies in Tasmania. The Howard-Anderson government won with a resounding majority. The Howard-Anderson government does not support your opposition to tree clearing in this state.

Time expired.