



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

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Hon. P. D. BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (11.30 a.m.): A little earlier I made reference to a transcript of a news proceedings. I think, if I recall correctly, I referred to it being on Channel 10. It was actually on Sunday, 10 March and it was on Channel 9. I wanted to set the record straight. So there is no misunderstanding, I seek leave to have the transcript incorporated in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

Transcript

CH9 News 1800

Sunday 10 March 2002

Intv: Jeff Seeney

re: Opposition allegations re Premier's brother

Newsreader: The opposition frontbencher who threw mud at the Premier's brother in Parliament now says he knew all along that he was wrong. Jeff Seeney now says the false claim was a tactical ploy, and he's accused the Premier of hysterics.

Reporter: Only two days ago, Jeff Seeney raised a storm by bringing the Premier's brother into the political spotlight. Today he was trying to blame the Premier for doing the same.

Seeney: ... that this is a gross misuse of Peter Beattie's brother by Peter Beattie.

Reporter: He claims Mr Beattie's overreacting to his question about whether Arthur Beattie was involved in a company that had received government support.

Seeney: I accept that Mr Beattie's brother never worked for Berri. I know he never worked for Berri.

Reporter: So why did he make an accusation without checking the facts?

Seeney: It's understandable that there's going to be a certain amount of concern expressed and a certain number of stories will, will start to gain credence.

Reporter: Mr Seeney won't apologise for implicating Mr Beattie brother, but maintains his comments were a legitimate strategy to find out information.

Seeney: We brought it up as a tactic to break through the brick wall.

Reporter: Despite raising a false allegation that even attracted the attention of the CMC, there's no backing down.

Seeney: The more he squeals, the more likely there is that there's something there to hide.

Reporter: Sally Eales, National Nine News.

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