



Speech by
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BEATTIE LABOR GOVERNMENT

Mr SEENEY (Callide—NPA) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.24 am): It is interesting to note that, if it were not for the opportunism of the Premier, this weekend would most likely have been an election weekend. This would be the normal weekend for this parliament to go to an election. It is interesting to note that, in the almost 4½ months that have transpired since the Premier took the opportunity to call an early election, a continual trail of sleaze and corruption has been exposed. What a different election it would have been if the election were held on time—that is, on this weekend. What a different election it would have been if the people of Queensland knew just how sleazy the Beattie government was when they went to the polls back in September.

Mr Speaker, before you start warning me, I appreciate that I cannot speak about so many things that have impacted on the government, because they are all before the courts. They are all before the courts so I will not talk about them.

Mr SPEAKER: Leader of the Opposition, can I just say that I am glad you are learning.

Mr SEENEY: And the people of Queensland are learning about the sleazy Beattie government. They are learning about the sleazy Beattie government—without me having to outline the parade of former ministers who are before the courts. They are learning about the sleazy Beattie government—without me outlining the corruption and the scandal that has dogged the Beattie Labor government since the election in September.

The election was all about political opportunism. It was all about going to the people, getting the election out of the way before all of this sleaze bubbled to the surface. You can be assured, Mr Speaker, that the people of Queensland will take note of the various court cases as they transpire. They will continue to take an interest in the scandals that beset this government. They will come to realise that the true measure of this government is reflected in the things it has tried to hide.

We are in a position now to offer the people of Queensland an alternative government. We will be building an alternative government because that is what the people of Queensland want. They want an alternative to the sleazy Beattie government that has let them down so badly.