



Speech by

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Mr KNUTH (Charters Towers—NPA) (3.24 pm): My question is to the Minister for Natural Resources and Water. Last year the Premier and the former DNR minister warned councils—

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Darling): This is the end of a speech. It is not a question.

Mr KNUTH: I refer to the MPS.

Mr REEVES: I raise a point of order, Madam Deputy Speaker. Question time finished at 11.30. He might have to change his clock.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is no point of order.

Mr KNUTH: They warned councils not to cash in on increased land valuations. However, there has been a 1,200 per cent increase in residential land rents in the Bowen Basin mining communities. In Collinsville residential land rent has increased from \$75 in 2006 to \$930 in 2007. Moranbah residents have been slugged with an increase from \$830 in 2006 to \$3,200 in 2007. This is highway robbery and it is hard to comprehend how the state government can justify it.

Time expired.