



Speech by

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MOTION OF CONDOLENCE: MR HDJ FRASER

Mr LANGBROEK (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (9.38 am): I rise to pay tribute to Huan Donald John Fraser, a former member of this House, cabinet minister, LNP treasurer and philanthropist, who died on 18 February aged 70. Huan Fraser represented the state seat of Springwood for the National Party from 1986 until 1989. In his final year in parliament, as the Premier has said, he was minister for industry, small business, technology and administrative services under Premier Mike Ahern and minister for industry, small business and technology under Premier Russell Cooper. Huan Fraser gave long and distinguished service to the people of Queensland, the Nationals and, in more recent times, the LNP.

Born in 1940 into a south western grazing family, Huan Fraser was educated at Nudgee College. After his schooling he returned to the family property Claverton Park at Wyandra. He later married Wendy Biddulph and the couple had three children. Huan Fraser was interested in community affairs and was elected to the Paroo Shire Council in 1979 and served as a councillor until 1984.

Huan Fraser started another chapter in his life when he moved his family to Daisy Hill in Brisbane, and in 1985 he was elected alderman to Logan City Council representing Division 4. Huan chaired Logan City Council's Finance Committee and was appointed deputy mayor. It was a fast rise, reflecting his people skills and considerable financial skills. Whilst still a serving alderman, Huan won the state seat of Springwood in 1986. As mentioned, he went on to serve as a minister in two cabinets in what were tumultuous years in Queensland politics. After parliament, Huan Fraser entered the finance and banking sector. He was treasurer of the Nationals in Queensland for eight years and, upon the formation of the LNP, was appointed the inaugural treasurer of the LNP. Unfortunately, health issues caused him to hand over this position. His financial acumen helped consolidate the finances of the Nationals to form a strong financial base for the establishment of the LNP.

Huan Fraser was well liked and respected for his openness and his forthright views. He was known for his community spirit, his support for the Logan region and his philanthropy. He was a loyal member of Rotary International. Huan Fraser is survived by his three children. I know that all members of the LNP join me in passing on our deepest sympathies to his wife, Wendy, and children Gina, Jodie and Stuart, their families and to the many friends and associates of Huan Fraser.