




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR DALRYMPLE

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MOTION: MEMBER FOR BUNDAMBA

 **Mr KNUTH** (Dalrymple—KAP) (12.56 pm): I support the amendment moved by the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! You have four minutes on the clock.

Mr KNUTH: This is a massive beat-up. The comments are completely taken out of context.

Government members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Members will cease interjecting.

Mr KNUTH: I believe that this has been deeply taken out of context. The member for Bundamba was at Moranbah. I am not supporting the comments that she has made, but I believe that they have been taken completely out of context. If you look at Moranbah in general, the council has been working very, very hard in regard to the camps and likewise the houses. I am not referring to what the member for Bundamba said.

Mr Cripps: Yes, you are.

Mr KNUTH: I am not referring to that. What I am saying is that some of those camps and houses—and this is what we have been trying to argue—look like something out of *Star Wars* or from Mars.

I have been the member for parliament there for 10 years. I have seen all of this happen. I have seen the passion that is there in regard to 100 per cent fly-in fly-out. The Premier went there and saw the situation and said that this was unacceptable and promised, 'We will do something.' I will just read what I said when I delivered my speech on Tuesday. I said—

There are 320 vacant homes in the Moranbah-Dysart area. Numerous businesses are closing. Recently, Leading Edge Computers, Ma's Larder and Leading Edge Telecoms have closed down. Motels are running at 10 per cent to 20 per cent occupancy while the mining companies are—

and listen to this, Mr Deputy Speaker—

forcing contractors to keep out of motels and stay in camps or no contract is offered.

There are camps everywhere, and this is what the member for Bundamba was referring to. There are camps everywhere, and these areas are losing the integrity of being a family orientated community. In my speech on Tuesday I gave an example—and this is just one example—of a person who has lived in Moranbah with their partner for many years. This person flies from Moranbah to Brisbane before their rostered shift; then flies back to Moranbah and lives in the camp for their rostered shift; then, after their rostered shift, flies to Brisbane before flying back to Moranbah for their days off. The mine is a 20-minute drive from her home in Moranbah. This is happening every day of the week. I do not support the comments of the member for Bundamba but I support her passion.

Government members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Members will cease interjecting.

Mr KNUTH: Another person went for an interview for a job at the mine. He was told that, if he was successful with his application, there were some things that he needed to comply with. He could not leave the camp after work. He could not go to Coles or McDonald's and, if he did, he would be fired. He must reside in Brisbane or Cairns to be employed at Moranbah. He must take the plane to Brisbane—

(Time expired)