




Speech By
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 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (11.03 pm): Last Sunday, 29 November, I had the honour and privilege of attending the launch of a new biography titled *Boots and All: Terry Hampson AM: Biography of a Queensland Environmentalist* at the Chermside Historical Precinct. This was a very fitting location for that event. It also gave me an opportunity to visit the former Sandgate Drill Hall which has been moved from Sandgate to that location. Written and self-published by Fran Ross, a Sandgate constituent, this book is a great opportunity to celebrate the life of a great Queenslander. Terry passed away on 22 September last year and he is missed by many in this community. I know the member for Aspley would join me in saying that.

The book was launched by the former premier of Queensland, Peter Beattie, who was a very close associate of Terry Hampson during the days of reform of the Labor Party in the 1970s and 1980s. The launch was chaired by Terry's other key associate in his activism—that is, John Sinclair, the FIDO president. It included a performance by the Combined Unions Choir, which was very fitting because of his love of music.

Peter Beattie said that Terry's greatest achievement and legacy was saving Fraser Island from logging and achieving its World Heritage listing and national park status. He, along with many others, was involved in that long campaign but he did so much more than many. I note that the biography records one of the comments I made to the author, Fran Ross—that is, that Terry worked hard to make the environment a mainstream part of the Labor Party and the labour movement.

Terry was born in Toowoomba and raised in Allora. He met his wife, Ann, when he first came to Brisbane and was living at Shorncliffe before they built their family home in Bald Hills, where he was still living with her when he passed away. His party involvement included every role—from being elected as the local branch secretary at his first meeting of the Bald Hills branch to being state secretary and then on to being a local councillor in the Marchant ward—by the way, after he beat me in the preselection. He worked very assiduously for environmental sustainability. He was the only life member of the Fabian Society of Queensland and he was involved in party reform, as I said.

He helped modernise the ALP and Queensland through to the election of the first Labor government in 32 years. He was a very passionate advocate for party democracy. He was a real all-rounder in many ways. As a councillor, he was a great advocate for his local area and a great community builder. He helped create social capital infrastructure through initiatives like Kidspace and the Chermside and District Historical Society. He was a great mentor to me and many others over the years.