




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR TRAEGER

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ELECTION OF SPEAKER

 **Mr KATTER** (Traeger—KAP) (10.54 am): I rise to make some brief comments on the nomination of the Speaker. The government of the day has the right to elect a Speaker—as convention has had it in the past. This is the person it believes will give the role due respect. We acknowledge that right and we further acknowledge the role of the crossbench in this parliament and the constructive role we can play in working with both sides of the House.

I acknowledge the member's roots lie in North Queensland, which is a favourable attribute in the eyes of any other North Queensland MP, like my colleagues the member for Hill and the member for Hinchinbrook. We expect the member for Mulgrave will fulfil the role of Speaker responsibly, with respect and with objectivity. In such a tightly balanced parliament it is important that members from all sides of politics have an opportunity to put the interests of their constituents forward. We have confidence that the member for Mulgrave will be able to fulfil his role adeptly and to the high standards held by this parliament.