




Speech By
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 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs) (10.07 am): In deference to the leader of the House club, I will not be long in my remarks. Terry Mackenroth is someone to whom this state truly needs to pay tribute. We need to pay tribute to him politically and I wish to pay tribute to him personally. We pay tribute to him politically for the key role that he played in modernising Queensland, which is the task that many people on this side of the House are very conscious of. We are part of an exercise of modernising Queensland. We have seen the state turn from the days of the seventies and the eighties into the modern Queensland of the 21st century. Labor has been at the core of those activities and has made the big changes.

Terry Mackenroth was at the core of those issues, particularly as the minister for police and corrective services and minister for emergency services in the Goss government. He laid the foundations for our modern Queensland Police Service, which so well serves everyone in our community, no matter their background, where they come from or their place in the community.

As remarked upon by others before me, drawing from his personal experience he played an integral role in the modernising of our department of housing—shifting it from a model that was not serving the interests of its tenants and not serving the interests of the community of Queensland to a model that was all about the people who needed that housing and who were served by that housing. They are a couple of examples in the breadth of his various portfolio responsibilities where he contributed to the modernising of Queensland.

Suncorp Stadium is another part of the modernising of Queensland that he was so integrally involved in in this chamber and beyond. After his service to the parliament he continued to serve the people of Queensland through various roles in the private sector. He particularly supported those things that he was very passionate about and loved so much such as Rugby League and netball.

I want to pay personal tribute to him. Unlike the member for Cooper, I was not from the same political grouping within the Australian Labor Party as Terry. He would always reach out, take you under his wing, help you and give you guidance—often at times that were tough—that made a real difference.

I want to acknowledge Mary and the rest of Terry's family for letting us as a state and as individuals have access to such an extraordinary gentleman who contributed to this state for so long and was sadly taken from us far too soon. Vale Terry Mackenroth.