



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR BURLEIGH**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### Gamin, Ms J

 **Mr HART** (Burleigh—LNP) (7.24 pm): Sunday week ago the people of Burleigh lost the last of a remarkable duo who had represented Burleigh for a number of years. In 2019 Paul Gamin passed away. He had been a councillor for Burleigh from 1985 to 2000. Sunday week ago we lost Judy Gamin, who was a former MP for Burleigh.

Judy was with the National Party and she had had an interesting pathway to politics similar to me. Judy had stood for the National Party as a candidate in the federal seat of Moncrieff in 1984, losing to Kathy Sullivan for the Liberals. Then in 1988, when Russ Hinze left parliament, she won a by-election for what was then the seat of South Coast on the Gold Coast. There were not too many state seats on the Gold Coast at that time. We now have 11 seats, but there were only a few then.

Only a year later, in 1989, Judy lost to Bob Quinn from the Liberal Party in the state election, but she managed to return to parliament in 1992 when the state seat of Burleigh was formed. Judy held that seat until the election in 2001, when she lost to my good friend from the Labor Party Christine Smith. Then Christine lost to me in 2012. In the last 30 years the seat of Burleigh has had three members of parliament.

Judy leaves behind Elizabeth, Caroline and Peter. Sadly, she had two other children, Thomas and John, who were tragically killed in the crash of Ansett—known at the time as ANA—flight 149 near Winton in Western Queensland on 22 September 1966.

Judy sent me a lovely handwritten note probably about a month ago now to say that she had moved to Brisbane to live in a retirement home and she had let her membership of the party go. I promptly got on the phone and rang Judy, as I tended to do over the years, and we had a great old chat. It was a surprise to me to hear that she had passed away Sunday week ago. Her funeral is on Friday in Brisbane at Hendra and I will be attending. Rest in peace, Judy Gamin.