




Speech By
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Burleigh Electorate

 **Mr HART** (Burleigh—LNP) (6.38 pm): We know that government members are worried when they spend almost half of their three minutes complaining about the LNP and personally attacking candidates and former members who did great work in their electorates and were far better members than the present members.

As all members know, I will be retiring in October. I would not be doing that unless I made sure there was a really good candidate in my seat to take my place and represent the people of Burleigh. In Hermann Vorster, that is exactly what I have. He is a local person. He, his wife and his three children live locally. Hermann was elected to the Gold Coast City council in 2016. He has had eight years working hard for the people in division 11 on the Gold Coast which takes in quite a chunk of the Burleigh electorate.

In that time he has been doing a number of things to assist me as the state member. He has fought hard for the people of Burleigh. He has raised issues like the Varsity train station car park and pushed the then hopeless minister for transport to put in place a car-parking facility there. He has been fighting against crime that has happened all through Varsity Lakes. He has got more CCTV cameras throughout Varsity Lakes and he has been working very closely with the police. In fact, he was in James Street last week with the Leader of the Opposition talking to local shop owners about the issues they are having with homeless people and criminals in that area. He will make a great candidate.

Hermann has hit the ground running well and truly. He has been out doorknocking. He has been out talking to people in the streets and at the markets, unlike the Labor Party. We have not seen anything from the Labor Party in years in Burleigh. They only ever show up about five seconds before an election. We have not seen a candidate yet. We are five months from the election and the Labor Party does not have a candidate in Burleigh because I think, quite frankly, as a lot of other members have done already, they have given up fighting for their seats because they know that in October 2024 they are going to lose their seats and the government is going to change. The only way we can fix the issues that this government has created is to get rid of Labor. We have to show Labor the door in October '24.