




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Moore, Hon. J, AO

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (9.15 pm): I rise to acknowledge and honour the life and service of the Hon. John Moore AO, who served with distinction as the federal member for Ryan for 25 years. As the Assistant Minister to the Premier, Leader of the House and state member for Moggill, I was privileged to attend the state funeral for the late John Moore, held in St Lucia on 4 February 2025. The event was attended by Her Excellency the Hon. Dr Jeannette Young AC, PSM, Governor of Queensland; former prime minister of Australia, the Hon. John Howard AC; General the Hon. Sir Peter Cosgrove AK, CVO, MC (Retd); as well as the Deputy Premier of Queensland, the Hon. Jarrod Bleijie MP, and many other distinguished guests.

John Moore was unquestionably a dedicated parliamentarian, a distinguished businessman and a proud Queenslander. Raised on a cattle station west of Bowen, John Moore's early life embodied the values of resilience and determination. He pursued higher education at the University of Queensland, where he developed a lifelong passion for sports and business pursuits, before later pursuing politics.

John Moore's parliamentary career began in 1975, upon his election as the federal member for Ryan. Over the following 25 years he served with honour, contributing to both government and opposition with unwavering commitment. He held ministerial roles under both the Fraser and Howard governments, shaping Australia's economic and defence policies in ways that still resonate today. As minister for business and consumer affairs, John Moore played a pivotal role in standardising corporate regulation through the federal Companies Act and advancing financial deregulation.

Upon the election of the Howard federal coalition government, he was entrusted with the industry, science and tourism portfolios, where his work reshaped key sectors, particularly the automotive and pharmaceutical industries. Perhaps the most defining ministerial role for John Moore came in 1998 when he was appointed as minister for defence, where he oversaw Australia's largest military deployment since Vietnam as part of the Interfet mission to East Timor.

John Moore's contribution to public life extended well beyond politics, and his appointment as an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2004 was a fitting recognition of his decades of service to the nation. As many have remarked since the passing of John Moore on 22 January 2025, John Moore was a man of intellect, principle and dedication.

Personally, I certainly valued his collegiate mentorship and guidance over many years. As the state member for Moggill, which is within the federal electorate of Ryan, I wish to extend my condolences to his wife, Johnnie, his children, family and friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. Vale, the Hon. John Moore AO.