




Speech by

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GIRARDO, MR M; KOLLOSCH, MR M

 **Hon. RE SCHWARTEN** (Rockhampton—ALP) (3.16 pm): We have just heard from the fraudster the member for Kawana, who has form when it comes to forgery, which he did on behalf of Peter Slipper in relation to forging the signature of a Ms Rew, who was formerly his friend.

I want to talk about another fraudster and white shoe brigade member, Michael Girardo, who has put up money to force settlement on properties in 'tory heaven' in Hedges Avenue on the Gold Coast. This bloke copped 4½ years for fraud and is in the peter, but his good friend Michael Kollosche, who is the king of real estate in tory heaven, is still working for Ray White. I know that the overwhelming majority of real estate agents are ethical and I have no reason to suggest that Ray White is anything else. The truth is that Mr Kollosche has been involved in these dodgy Hedges Avenue deals and, clearly, he is the star of Ray White as he is featured on the billboard. I do not stoop to the sort of dirt that we have heard from those opposite today, but I suggest they check that their records of donations to make sure this bloke is not someone they have received money from.

Clearly, Mr Kollosche's association needs to be aired. I hope that this is done by Ray White to clean its good name on the Gold Coast. Finally, the revelations that we saw this week from the opposition paying for dirt shows that the opposition continues to set itself low standards and continues to even reach those miserable low standards.