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Mr TED O'BRIEN (Fairfax) (13:46): I'm standing today as someone who's really excited. I'm excited because I bring some wonderful news to the House. There's a vacant seat in this chamber on which two words are written. Do you know what those two words are? Those two words are 'Trevor Ruthenberg'—

A government member: Big Trev.

Mr TED O'BRIEN: Big Trev, Trevor Ruthenberg, is the next member for the seat of Longman. It is a seat that is currently not represented in this chamber. It is a seat that does not have a voice. The people of Burpengary and Bribie Island do not have a voice in this chamber. The people of Kallangur and Caboolture do not have representation in this chamber. Why? Because the Leader of the Opposition gave the people of Longman a guarantee. He looked them in the eye and gave them a rolled gold guarantee, no less, but he was caught. He was found out. He was busted. The people of Longman know he is a man who cannot be trusted in the future. But they do have a man they can trust now, and that man is Trevor Ruthenberg. Let those two names reign and ring loud and clear across Longman, because at long last they will have a real voice in this chamber. (*Time expired*)