

FOREST POLICY, GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE

**625. Mr OMODEI to the Premier:**

Will the Premier now admit that his response to his own forest policy is fundamentally flawed and has been a failure?

**Dr GALLOP replied:**

Let me remind the member of a public meeting that occurred on the steps of Parliament House a number of years ago, when I addressed the workers involved. I said two things then. First, I said that we would have to move on to conservation.

Mr Omodei: We are losing businesses and jobs.

The SPEAKER: Order! The member for Warren-Blackwood.

Dr GALLOP: Let me answer the question. I said that we must move on with our policy. I also said that the direct jobs in that industry would be affected, and that we would make sure that we countered that through support for those people who were affected. We have been absolutely and utterly honest with those people from day one.