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Item: AUSTIN ASKS BEATTIE IF HE HAS ANY CONCERNS ABOUT FORMER DEPUTY TERRY MACKENROTH'S EMPLOYMENT BY PROPERTY DEVELOPER DEVINE LIMITED THREE MONTHS AFTER A LONG POLITICAL CAREER AS TREASURER AND MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OFFICE OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

INTERVIEWEES: PETER BEATTIE, QLD PREMIER

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STEVE AUSTIN: I'm just speaking with Queensland's Premier, Peter Beattie. Premier, before I let you go, I want to ask you something about your former deputy, former Treasurer of Queensland, the man in charge of the Office of Urban Development, Terry Mackenroth. Three months after leaving a very long political career in government, he's now gone to work for a property developer. In the United States there are laws against this sort of thing. Are you entirely happy with him going to work for Devine Limited?

PETER BEATTIE: Well, Steve, there's this debate in Australia about how long you should be around before you are appointed to a board. It depends on the board. Now I've seen some debate about this. Devine

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make ... build homes, to the best of my knowledge.  
Now in terms of the ...

AUSTIN:

Tower blocks, a whole range of things.

BEATTIE:

Yeah, but in terms of whether he ... any inside information he would have would benefit them, I can't see it. I mean the plan for the south east corner, which I now have responsibility for, all the lines on that plan are out there. The world knows. So, there's no information that he could possibly have as Treasurer that would advantage them because the lines about where Devine can build homes or build ... whatever else they build, they're already out there and everyone in the world knows where they are and you can get hold of them tomorrow, and if there was any benefit then that benefit's well and truly gone.

I can't see any benefit or any knowledge he would have, going on the board of Devine, because where people can build homes is now determined. Eighty per cent of the south east corner can't have development. Residential development. It's going to be open space or whatever. So I ... you know, it's not as if he has any secret knowledge. There is none, the world knows about it.

AUSTIN:

So the Premier of Queensland has no concern about the former Treasurer and Minister responsible for the Office of Urban Development ... three months after leaving a very long political career, has no



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problems about him going to work for a property developer.

BEATTIE:

Well he's a private citizen, Steve, and if he went to work for someone where his knowledge would benefit them from government, then I would have a view. But anything to do with the plan has already been released. He has no knowledge, which you don't have, or the world doesn't have. So I can't see whether ... I can't see anything he learned in government would actually help them.

AUSTIN:

Doesn't he have influence?

BEATTIE:

Oh, well he knows people, of course he knows people. But my government and I act on the basis of what's serving the community. I mean, you know, Terry Mackenroth is the last person who would ring me up and lobby, or put anybody's point of view. He will never do it. And he knows that he would never make the call and he knows that I'd never accept it.

AUSTIN:

Given that the ... that your Party, the Labor Party, now gets more donations from property developers than it does from the union movement, are you ... do you really have no concern about this?

BEATTIE:

Steve, I can happily tell you, I don't know who donates to the Labor Party. I never meet donors. I never ask for money. I never take it. I have an honest policy in these things. Anyone who gives to



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the Party gives to the Party Secretary and that list is published. I don't meet donors and I don't ask for money. I never have and I never will. And I don't take any interest in who donates to the Labor Party and the reason for that is I want my mind to be clear of it. I ... if you tell me that I accept what you say is true, I never look at the list.

AUSTIN:

But you know that property developers have donated more recently than the entire union movement has to the Labor Party in Queensland?

BEATTIE:

No, to be frank with you, I don't know that. I make it a policy of mine, and everyone in government knows this, not to ask who donates to the Party and I never accept one cent from any developer. Anyone who wants to donate to the Labor Party at election time does it through the organisation. I never take money, never take cheques and never have any knowledge of who's involved in it. I do it as a matter of practice because of the corrupt practices of the past when previous Premier's didn't have that view. The Party knows my attitude. I do not talk to them about donors and I do not get involved in receiving any money.

AUSTIN:

Yep, no, I'm not suggesting that you personally take money or that Terry Mackenroth took money.

BEATTIE:

But I don't even take any notice, Steve. I don't know donates. I never look at the list.



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- AUSTIN: But given ... you can see why there would be some public disquiet about this.
- BEATTIE: I can understand that people would always want to get stuck into a former politician, but ...
- AUSTIN: No, no, it's more than that, Premier, isn't it? It's more than that.
- BEATTIE: Well yes, Steve, but ...
- AUSTIN: Federally ... there's been a lot of Federal Ministers, like Peter Reith who left a key Cabinet portfolio and went to work for defence contractors and there was howls of outrage.
- BEATTIE: Yeah, but you've gotta say though, in this circumstances, and this is the test, I think, Steve, has he gone to a place where knowledge of government would be able to advance Devine.
- AUSTIN: Absolutely.
- BEATTIE: But the answer is ... well the answer's no. I mean what does he ...
- AUSTIN: Well, why would they employ him?
- BEATTIE: Yes, well that's a matter for them. I didn't do it. You're going to have to ask them, Steve. But you gotta say what does Terry Mackenroth know, what



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secret does he have that could help Devine. He doesn't have a secret, because the only thing he did about the Urban Plan, which I now run with Desley Boyle, the ... that's out there in the public. He finished the plan. The lines about where developments can take place are on the map.

AUSTIN:

And three months he goes and works for a property developer.

BEATTIE:

Yeah but, Steve, he can't give them any secret knowledge, because there is not secrets. It's out there.

AUSTIN:

Yeah but, he doesn't need to give them secret knowledge. He wrote the rules.

BEATTIE:

Yeah but, the rules are ones that I'll apply, not anyone else. And I won't be talking to Terry Mackenroth about any development, anywhere, about Devine. Full stop. And he would never ask me to. I will never have a discussion with Terry Mackenroth about Devine's interest. He would never raise it with me because I know his ethical standards and he knows I would never discuss it with him.

AUSTIN:

I'll let you go in a moment, but I heard you a couple of nights ago, at the launch of the Springfield Business District, praise Terry Mackenroth almost single-handedly getting Springfield up in terms of



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the government's responsibility. Doesn't that indicate he has been very pivotal?

BEATTIE:

Oh no, what I said was quite true and I'm happy to repeat that here, Steve. What I said there was that he had been the driving force behind the plan when he was the Minister for it and everybody knows that. He and I worked on it together, but he was the driving force and he's now gone. But that plan that I referred to at the Springfield announcement, which I did, and they're a key part of this plan because that's where 250,000 people are going to go. And of course I was there to encourage that development. That's where people will live. But that plan that he did, which I praised him for, is now publicly released and everybody knows where the lines on the map are.

AUSTIN:

Alright. I'll let you go, Premier, thanks for your time.

BEATTIE:

Okay, Steve, thanks mate.

AUSTIN:

Queensland Premier Peter Beattie.

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