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**Mr FITZGIBBON** (Hunter) (7.59 pm)—Mr Speaker, I seek your indulgence to make a very quick personal explanation.

**Mr SPEAKER**—Does the honourable member claim to have been misrepresented?

**Mr FITZGIBBON**—Yes, on a number of occasions.

**Mr SPEAKER**—Please proceed.

**Mr FITZGIBBON**—During the adjournment tonight, the member for McEwen and before her on a number of occasions the members for North Sydney, Bennelong and Higgins had misconstrued what I had to say during a recent debate on an MPI to suggest that I said Labor would abolish the fuel grants scheme. Yet they know that my words were not designed to suggest any such thing and, indeed, only yesterday the Leader of the Opposition recommitted Labor to the retention of that scheme.

**Mr SPEAKER**—Order! It being 8.00 p.m., the debate is interrupted.