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**Mr BILLSON** (Dunkley) (8.01 pm)—Mr Deputy Speaker, I wish to make a personal explanation.

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

**Mr BILLSON**—Yes.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER**—Please proceed.

**Mr BILLSON**—Along with those about my colleague the member for Latrobe, the Leader of the Opposition has also made some outrageous remarks about my thoughts on fuel excise today, claiming some form of duplicity. He is absolutely wrong. He has in fact misled not only the Australian public but everyone in this place. I have been absolutely consistent in saying that the February excise increase should proceed because it would just be a stunt not to do so, but that, given the government's sound economic management, where there is a position for future tax cuts—

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER**—The member is now debating the point.

**Mr BILLSON**—Fuel taxes should be part of that consideration.