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Foley attacks Tomkins

Mr Gary Foley an Aboriginal activist, said yesterday that statements made by the Queensland Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Mr Tomkins, were "scurrilous, defamatory and racist".

In the Queensland Parliament on Tuesday, Mr Tomkins accused Mr Foley of being "a field marshal of the Black Panther Party".

Mr Foley said it was ludicrous for Mr Tomkins to suggest that he was connected with the Black Panther Party, because it was disbanded 10 years ago. He condemned Mr Tomkin's remarks as "an outrageous misuse of parliamentary privilege".