

~~Motion agreed to.~~


~~Bill read a first time.~~

~~Referral to the Health and Community Services Committee~~

~~Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mrs Cunningham): Order! In accordance with standing 131, the bill is now referred to the Health and Community Services Committee.~~

<CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLICATIONS (BILLBOARD ADVERTISING) AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Introduction

 **Mr KNUTH** (Dalrymple—KAP) (2.34 pm): <I present a bill for an act to amend the Classification of Computer Games and Images Act 1995, the Classification of Films Act 1991 and the Classification of Publications Act 1991 to regulate advertising on billboards through classification>. I table the bill and the explanatory notes. I nominate the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper: Classification of Publications (Billboard Advertising) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013.

Tabled paper: Classification of Publications (Billboard Advertising) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013, explanatory notes.

Katter's Australian Party has drafted a policy to determine the geographical placement of billboard advertising based on mandatory classification ratings in compliance with the Commonwealth act. This policy will also determine a framework for mandatory billboard geographical zoning based on classification ratings. This will reduce the risk of exposing communities to the displaying of moderate—Mature (M)— or strong—Mature Accompanied (MA15+)— content in areas highly occupied by families and children.

A failure to implement this policy will result in negative effects upon society. This is resonated in the following extract from Victoria's Child Safety Commissioner submission to the Senate Inquiry into the Sexualisation of Children in the Contemporary Media Environment 2008—

... sexualising influences within the contemporary media and popular culture, there is a need to focus specifically upon the portrayal of children in a sexualised way in advertising and marketing material.

This bill amends the Classification of Publications Act 1991 to allow the government to mandate a regulatory framework for billboard advertisement governed by the introduction of the billboard geographical classification zoning policy as part of the classification of publications and protection of children and families by conditions for displaying certain unrestricted publications. As part of this policy, Katter's Australian Party has developed the mandatory billboard geographical classification zonal framework that will ensure Queensland families and children a mandated regulatory process limiting inappropriate billboard advertising in public spaces highly populated by families and children.

This bill also establishes a state billboard geographical classification zonal panel. Stakeholders will include families and children's advocacy associations, the Australian Medical Association, industry groups and government. The role of the panel will be to regulate billboard advertising content, determine the geographical classification zoning for billboard advertising and community consultation.

This bill is simple. It categorises the billboards in certain areas. For example, the G-rated billboards will be used around schools, sports fields and swimming pools. This bill is about protecting our children and establishing a healthy society. >

First Reading

Mr KNUTH (Dalrymple—KAP) (2.36 pm): I move—

That the bill be now read a first time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

Referral to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mrs Cunningham): Order! In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

<Quota International Club of Carindale



Mr MINNIKIN (Chatsworth—LNP) (2.37 pm): Mahatma Gandhi once told us—

~~The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.~~

~~>With that in mind, I rise to bring to the attention of the House the tireless work and unwavering commitment of the Quota club of Carindale.>The Quota club of Carindale is a service club in the truest sense of the term. The club is neither large nor extravagant. It is simply a wonderful group of dedicated members who meet at the local library once a month and who are committed to helping make the Chatsworth community and beyond a much better place. They are motivated by the Quota International motto, 'We share.' That is a simple sentiment that is often overlooked in a fast paced, modern society.~~

~~Throughout 2012 and 2013, the club has certainly embraced this motto, diligently raising funds to provide a helping hand to a number of worthy causes, including CleftPALS Queensland, the school chaplaincy programs at Mayfield State School and White Hill State College and the Asperger's support group. The club has also offered assistance afield to the communities of Condamine and St George, who were devastated by the effects of ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald, and has prepared gift parcels for Australian troops serving overseas.~~

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~~The Quota club of Carindale does an outstanding job of organising and hosting an annual art and craft fair, which is now in its ninth year. This fantastic event, held in the heart of the Chatsworth electorate, draws visitors from across Brisbane and is a major fundraising event for the club. Quota International is an organisation committed to fostering a sense of community between members of different clubs from throughout Australia and the world. Quota International of Carindale has embraced the opportunity to work with other clubs and has hosted conferences on two separate occasions for the 16 clubs in the 30th district. Recently it was my distinct pleasure to attend the club's installation of officers ceremony. As always I was struck by the members' generous hospitality and the wonderful sense of camaraderie in the club. It is therefore no surprise that there is also a strong social side to the club with members regularly partaking in themed social dinners and vintage film nights.~~

~~In November 2012 Quota International of Carindale celebrated 25 years of sterling service. I would like to commend the work of the club over this time and wish them all the very best as they continue to serve our wonderful Chatsworth community. It is my absolute pleasure to commend the work of the club and the leadership of their president, Janette Taylor, to the House. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the ladies from Quota International of Carindale here in the chamber today. Long may they continue to do the fantastic work that they have done over 25 years. Ladies, I salute you. To the next 25 years! Thank you.>~~

<Currumbin Electorate, Ecotourism



Hon. JA STUCKEY (Currumbin—LNP) (Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games) (2.40 pm): ~~>As the Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games and member for Currumbin>it gives me great pleasure to update the House on some exciting ecotourism initiatives happening on the southern Gold Coast, particularly in the Currumbin electorate, the gateway to Queensland. A few weeks ago I was fortunate enough to launch the Surf 2 Sky helicopter tour of our picturesque and truly remarkable 'green cauldron' landscape. This new tourism ecotour was a breathtaking experience and further evidence that we live in a truly stunning region. First we travelled north along the coastline from Point Danger to Surfers Paradise, then headed inland across luscious valleys to the top of Mt Warning before returning along the Tweed River and turning into the Gold Coast Airport. The variety and beauty of our natural and man-made attractions is truly remarkable. Tourists and locals alike will be in awe at the diversity we have to offer from our stunning beaches to our lush rainforests. I would like to acknowledge Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary CEO Jonathan Fisher who is a tireless promoter of ecotourism in our state and was a key stakeholder in this initiative coming to fruition alongside~~