



**Mr HOPPER** (Condamine—KAP) (2.31 pm): I present a bill for an act to amend the Liquid Fuel Supply Act 1984 for particular purposes. I table the bill and the explanatory notes. I nominate the State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee to consider the bill.

*Tabled paper:* Liquid Fuel Supply (Ethanol) Amendment Bill.

*Tabled paper:* Liquid Fuel Supply (Ethanol) Amendment Bill, explanatory notes.

The explanatory notes are very self-explanatory. They are very easy to read. This is a very short bill. Let me say that this exact same bill was presented by the LNP to the then Labor government in the past, and I have a few quotes to read out during my speech relating to that. At that time in October 2008, now Minister Seeney said—

It is a point that has been made by other speakers on this side of the House tonight. This is the third time that we have tried to ensure ethanol is part of the fuel supply in Queensland. It is the third time that the Labor government has come in here with weak, mealy-mouthed excuses for not supporting the initiative that we have brought forward.

The Deputy Premier will have the opportunity to support this initiative when this bill is debated. I have another short quote from now Minister Cripps from the same day. He said—

This is the third time that the opposition has introduced such a bill. To that end, I have a history lesson for the member for Whitsunday. If the state Labor government does not support this bill, it will be the third time that the Labor Party has denied Queensland the opportunity to develop the commercial confidence and commercial certainty required for a strong renewable fuels industry to be established.

I would like to table a number of speeches that were made by members of the now LNP government during debate on that bill.

*Tabled paper:* Extract from Hansard, second reading debate: Liquid Fuel Supply (Ethanol) Amendment Bill, dated 14 May 2008.

This bill is simple. It is to mandate ethanol in Queensland. This bill is very simple and there is no cost to government whatsoever. The LNP members will have the opportunity to speak on their own legislation that they had put before the previous Labor government on three occasions. It is word for word; it is their legislation that they will have the chance to debate. If they do not pass this legislation when it is debated, it will show the House the deceit and the deception they went to the people of Queensland with on two occasions. On two occasions, they went to the election to face the people of Queensland promising to mandate ethanol in Queensland. Now that they are in government, they will have the opportunity to face their own legislation and not deny the people of Queensland. I say again that this bill is their bill word for word. It was written by them and it is now presented by Katter's Australian Party. So they will have to show the people of Queensland their absolute deceit and their absolute determination.>

### First Reading

**Mr HOPPER** (Condamine—KAP) (2.34 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 State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee

**Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mrs Cunningham): In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee.

## <RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND ROOMING ACCOMMODATION AMENDMENT BILL

### Introduction



**Mrs MILLER** (Bundamba—ALP) (2.34 pm): I present a bill for an act to amend the Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008 for particular purposes. I table the bill and explanatory notes. I nominate the Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee to consider the bill.

*Tabled paper:* Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Amendment Bill.

*Tabled paper:* Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Amendment Bill, explanatory notes.

The objective of the bill is to amend the Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008 to make provision for statutory minimum standards for rental accommodation and rooming accommodation in Queensland. This will allow the minister to prescribe minimum standards for private rental accommodation, both standard housing and rooming accommodation, by regulation in relation to matters including, for example, the following: sanitation, drainage, cleanliness and repair of premises; vermin infestation; construction, condition, structures, safety and situation of premises; and privacy and security. There are a number of other matters and they are set out more fully in the bill and the explanatory notes.

According to the 2011 census of population and housing, there were 513,415 rented dwellings in Queensland, about 60,000 more than in 2006. Rented dwellings accounted for 34 per cent of the 1,510,204 occupied dwellings where tenure was known. Queensland continues to have the highest proportion of rented dwellings of any Australian state. At the same time, public housing for low-income Queenslanders is becoming increasingly difficult to access due to a decrease in available housing stock and tighter restrictions on eligibility requirements. Low-cost private rental accommodation is increasingly filling the void this creates. Of the 513,415 rented properties in Queensland, 87.6 per cent were rented in the private sector. In 2009-10, 60 per cent of lower income households in the bottom 40 per cent of income distribution paid more than 30 per cent of their gross income on housing. Sometimes the quality of low-cost private rental accommodation is of an unsatisfactory standard. Access to stable, adequate shelter plays a major role in the health and wellbeing of families, and in particular children, by providing a safe environment and the security that allows participation in the social, educational, economic and community aspects of their lives.

Housing issues that impact on health can include such things as structural integrity, weatherproofing, lighting, ventilation, cleanliness and hygiene, security, sanitation facilities and cooking facilities. By imposing minimum housing standards for private rental accommodation, governments can fulfil their obligations to ensure that, even at the lowest end of the rental market where renters are most vulnerable, standards are enforceable to provide that basic minimum health and safety standards apply to places where Queensland families live.>

### First Reading

**Mrs MILLER** (Bundamba—ALP) (2.38 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 Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee

**Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mrs Cunningham): In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee.

## ~~MEMBERS' STATEMENTS~~

### ~~Mitochondrial Disease~~



~~**Mr CAVALLUCCI** (Brisbane Central—LNP) (2.38 pm): On 30 January this year my little daughter had her first day of kindy. This day she was particularly excited because she was to share this experience with her little friend Ari, and a few days later she was to attend Ari's fourth birthday. Tragically, Ari never made it to kindy and we never got to celebrate his fourth birthday.~~

~~Ari is the son of Mark and Vanessa Rotolone, close friends of me and my wife. On 1 February everything changed for the Rotolone family. His parents could not have known this at the time, but on this day they shared their last words with their little boy. On this day, Ari was particularly tired and very weak. His balance and coordination had become significantly affected, so much so that he was swaying as he sat and walked. Ari had his first seizure which was to be one of many. Within hours of being admitted to the Royal Children's Hospital ICU, Ari's seizures were increasing in frequency and progressed until they were unrelenting.~~

~~Despite the efforts of the ICU team, the paediatric team and the metabolic team, Ari's seizures were not able to be controlled or suppressed without the use of medication to place him in a medically~~