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**1 MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY**

The Assembly met at 9.30am, pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Honourable R. K. Hollis) read prayers.

**2 MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE** (Hansard p. 2340, 9.31am)

- (a) Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Carpentaria Minerals Province (Mr McGrady) rose on a matter of privilege.

*Papers:* Mr McGrady, during his speech, tabled the following papers—

Copy of a statutory declaration by David Scott taken 4 April 2003

Copy of page 2198 of Queensland Parliament *Hansard*, dated 28 May 2003

- (b) Leader of the Opposition (Mr Springborg) rose on a matter of privilege.

**3 MINISTERIAL PAPERS TABLED BY THE CLERK**

The following ministerial papers were tabled by The Clerk—

*Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Carpentaria Minerals Province (Mr McGrady)—*

Response from the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Carpentaria Minerals Province (Mr McGrady) to a paper petition presented by Mr Cummins from 88 petitioners regarding the police station at Buderim (Hansard p. 2340)

Response from the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Carpentaria Minerals Province (Mr McGrady) to paper petitions presented by Mrs C Scott from 87 petitioners and 10 petitioners respectively regarding the police station and residence at Ravenswood (Hansard p. 2340)

Response from the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Carpentaria Minerals Province (Mr McGrady) to a paper petition presented by Ms Stone from 791 petitioners regarding the police beat within Arndale Shopping Centre (Hansard p. 2341)

Response from the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Carpentaria Minerals Province (Mr McGrady) to a paper petition presented by Mrs J Cunningham from 298 petitioners regarding the status of registered firearm owners and sporting club shooters in Queensland (Hansard p. 2342)

Response from the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Carpentaria Minerals Province (Mr McGrady) to a paper petition presented by Mrs E Cunningham from 587 petitioners opposing the establishment of a brothel in Gladstone or surrounding region (Hansard p. 2344)

Response from the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Carpentaria Minerals Province (Mr McGrady) to a paper petition presented by Mr Lester from 504 petitioners opposing application of a brothel at Parkhurst, North Rockhampton (Hansard p. 2346)

**4 MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS** (Hansard p. 2347, 9.36am)

- (a) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to teacher numbers.
- (b) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to Queensland Week and Australian Citizenship.
- (c) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to Brisbane author, Janette Hospital.
- (d) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to paedophilia, the Commission for Young People and Blue Cards.
- (e) Minister for Education (Ms Bligh) made a ministerial statement relating to increased teacher numbers.
- (f) Minister for Employment, Training and Youth and Minister for the Arts (Mr M Foley) made a ministerial statement relating to TAFE institutes.

- (g) Minister for Health and Minister Assisting the Premier on Women's Policy (Mrs Edmond) made a ministerial statement relating to World No-Tobacco Day.
- (h) Minister for State Development (Mr Barton) made a ministerial statement relating to funding for forest ecotourism projects.
- (i) Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Carpentaria Minerals Province (Mr McGrady) made a ministerial statement relating to the Toursafe Queensland web site.
- (j) Minister for Environment (Mr Wells) made a ministerial statement relating to bushfires.
- (k) Minister for Public Works and Minister for Housing (Mr Schwarten) made a ministerial statement relating to Brisbane CBD projects.
- (l) Minister for Families and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy and Minister for Disability Services and Minister for Seniors (Ms Spence) made a ministerial statement relating to the Palm Island Aboriginal Council.

*Paper:* Ms Spence, during her statement, tabled the following paper—

Copy of a letter, dated 28 May 2003, from Ms Spence to Councillor Delena Foster, Chairperson of the Palm Island Aboriginal Council relating to a request to the Council to show cause pursuant to section 15 of the *Community Services (Aborigines) Act 1984*

- (m) Minister for Tourism and Racing and Minister for Fair Trading (Ms Rose) made a ministerial statement relating to Tourism Queensland and Emirates Airlines.
- (n) Minister for Natural Resources and Minister for Mines (Mr Robertson) made a ministerial statement relating to the Water for Profit Irrigation Efficiency Awards.
- (o) Minister for Local Government and Planning (Mrs J Cunningham) made a ministerial statement relating to regional planning in south-east Queensland.

## 5 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – VEGETATION (APPLICATION FOR CLEARING) BILL

Leader of the House (Ms Bligh), by leave, moved – That under the provisions of Standing Order 273, the Vegetation (Application for Clearing) Bill be declared an urgent Bill and the following time limits apply to enable the Bill to be passed through its remaining stages at this day's sitting—

- (a) Second reading by 5.30pm;
- (b) Report from Committee of the Whole House by 6.50pm ;
- (c) Third reading by 6.55pm; and
- (d) Title agreed to by 7pm.

At the times so specified, Mr Speaker or the Chairman, as the case may be, shall put all remaining questions necessary to pass the Bill, including clauses and Schedules and any amendments en bloc to be moved by the Minister in charge of the Bill, without further amendment or debate.

Question put – That the motion be agreed to.

The House divided.

AYES 64—

Attwood	Cummins	Lawlor	Mulherin	Reilly	Spence
Barry	Cunningham, J	Lee	Nelson-Carr	Reynolds	Stone
Barton	Edmond	Livingstone	Nolan	Roberts, N	Strong
Beattie	English	Lucas	Nuttall	Robertson	Struthers
Bligh	Fenlon	Mackenroth	Palaszczuk	Rodgers	Sullivan, C
Boyle	Foley, M	Male	Pearce	Rose	Sullivan, T *
Bredhauer	Fouras	McGrady	Phillips	Schwarten	Welford
Choi	Hayward	McNamara	Pitt	Scott, C	Wells
Clark, E	Jarratt	Mickel	Poole	Scott, D	Wilson
Clark, L	Keech	Miller	Purcell	Shine	
Croft	Lavarch	Molloy	Reeves *	Smith	

## NOES 22—

Bell  
Copeland  
Cunningham, E  
Flynn

Foley, C  
Hobbs  
Hopper  
Horan

Johnson  
Lee Long  
Lester \*  
Lingard

Malone  
Quinn  
Roberts, E  
Rowell

Seeney  
Sheldon  
Simpson  
Springborg

Watson \*  
Wellington

\* Tellers

Question agreed to.

## 6 PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT (Hansard p. 2357, 10.28am)

Private Members' statements were made.

*Papers:* Leader of the Opposition (Mr Springborg), during his speech, tabled the following papers—

1. Article from *The Australian*, dated 30 October 1998, entitled *Backbencher on 47 child-sex charges*
2. Transcript of item ABC Radio 31 August 1998, relating to alleged sex offences by ALP Backbencher
3. Article from *The Australian*, dated 21 December 1999, entitled *Union boss quits ALP by-election*
4. Transcript of item ABC Radio 31 August 1998, relating to alleged sex offences by ALP Backbencher - Press Council
5. Article from *The Australian*, dated 9 December 1998, entitled *MP to fight child sex charges*
6. Article from *The Courier-Mail*, dated 2 September 1998, entitled *Premier hit over D'Arcy actions*
7. Article from *The Courier-Mail*, dated 31 July 2002, entitled *ALP to expel prisoner D'Arcy*
8. Article from *The Australian*, dated 22 January 2000, entitled *D'Arcy committal a trial for Labor*
9. Article from *The Courier-Mail*, dated 31 August 1998, entitled *MP will not quit over sex claims*
10. Article from *The Courier-Mail*, dated 1 September 1998, entitled *Beattie raises pressure on MP to quit*
11. Various extracts from Queensland Parliament *Hansard* – October 1998 to December 1999

## 7 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (Hansard p. 2358, 10.30am)

Questions without notice were asked.

*Papers:* Mr Wellington tabled the following papers—

Two letters from Patricia Hackett to Mr Wellington (dates obscured)

Letter, dated 19 May 2003, from Mr Graeme Kerridge, Acting District Manager, Queensland Health to Mr Wellington

Questions continued.

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*Matter of Privilege:* Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) rose on a matter of privilege.  
(Hansard p. 2367)

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Questions resumed.

Questions concluded.

## 8 VEGETATION (APPLICATION FOR CLEARING) BILL (Hansard p. 2370, 11.30am)

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Natural Resources and Minister for Mines (Mr Robertson) – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned on the motion of Mr Pitt.

*Ordered* – That the resumption of the debate be made an order of the day for a later hour of the sitting.

**9 MINISTERIAL STATEMENT** (Hansard p. 2385, 2.30pm)

Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to Mr Bill D'Arcy and allegations by Mrs Lorraine Bird.

*Paper:* Mr Beattie, during his speech, tabled the following paper—  
Article from *The Courier-Mail*, dated 2 April 1998, by Tony Koch entitled *ALP backbencher soon to face child sex abuse charges*

**10 VEGETATION (APPLICATION FOR CLEARING) BILL** (Hansard p. 2387, 2.35pm)

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Natural Resources and Minister for Mines (Mr Robertson) – That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate resumed.

*Papers:* Mr Wellington, during his speech, tabled the following papers—  
Regional Vegetation Management Planning The South Coast, North Coast And Brisbane Valley Working Groups developing the SEQ RVMP newsletter of May 2003  
Article from *Queensland Country Life*, dated May 29 2003, entitled *Why Howard will backflip*

Debate continued.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Bill committed on the motion of Mr Robertson.

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*In Committee*

Clauses 1 to 7, as read, agreed to.

Schedule (Dictionary)—

The following amendment was proposed by Mr Seeney —

At page 8, line 9, after 'ending'—

*omit, insert—*

'at midday on 18 August 2003.'

Debate ensued.

Question put – That Mr Seeney's amendment be agreed to.

The Committee divided.

AYES 19—

<i>Bell</i>	<i>Foley, C</i>	<i>Lester *</i>	<i>Rowell</i>	<i>Springborg</i>
<i>Copeland</i>	<i>Hobbs</i>	<i>Lingard</i>	<i>Seeney</i>	<i>Watson *</i>
<i>Cunningham, E</i>	<i>Hopper</i>	<i>Malone</i>	<i>Sheldon</i>	<i>Wellington</i>
<i>Flynn</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Quinn</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	

NOES 53—

<i>Attwood</i>	<i>Cummins</i>	<i>Lawlor</i>	<i>Nelson–Carr</i>	<i>Reeves *</i>	<i>Stone</i>
<i>Barry</i>	<i>Edmond</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Nolan</i>	<i>Reilly</i>	<i>Strong</i>
<i>Barton</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Livingstone</i>	<i>Nuttall</i>	<i>Roberts, N</i>	<i>Struthers</i>
<i>Bredhauer</i>	<i>Fenlon</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>Palaszczuk</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Sullivan, C</i>
<i>Briskey</i>	<i>Fouras</i>	<i>McNamara</i>	<i>Pearce</i>	<i>Rodgers</i>	<i>Sullivan, T *</i>
<i>Choi</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Mickel</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Rose</i>	<i>Welford</i>
<i>Clark, E</i>	<i>Jarratt</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Pitt</i>	<i>Scott, D</i>	<i>Wells</i>
<i>Clark, L</i>	<i>Keech</i>	<i>Molloy</i>	<i>Poole</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
<i>Croft</i>	<i>Lavarch</i>	<i>Mulherin</i>	<i>Purcell</i>	<i>Spence</i>	

\* *Tellers*

Question negatived.

Schedule, as read, agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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*In the House*

Bill reported without amendment.

Mr Robertson moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

AYES 58—

Attwood	Cummins	Livingstone	Nuttall	Roberts, N	Struthers
Barry	Edmond	Lucas	Palaszczyk	Robertson	Sullivan, C
Barton	English	Male	Pearce	Rodgers	Sullivan, T *
Bell	Fenlon	McNamara	Phillips	Rose	Watson
Bredhauer	Hayward	Mickel	Pitt	Scott, D	Welford
Briskey	Jarratt	Miller	Poole	Sheldon	Wellington
Choi	Keech	Molloy	Purcell	Smith	Wells
Clark, E	Lavarch	Mulherin	Quinn	Spence	Wilson
Clark, L	Lawlor	Nelson–Carr	Reeves *	Stone	
Croft	Lee	Nolan	Reilly	Strong	

NOES 14—

Copeland	Foley, C	Johnson	Malone	Simpson
Cunningham, E	Hobbs	Lester *	Rowell	Springborg
Flynn	Hopper *	Lingard	Seeney	

\* Tellers

Question agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Title agreed to.

# **11 ADJOURNMENT** (Hansard p. 2425, 6.55pm)

Minister for Natural Resources and Minister for Mines (Mr Robertson) moved – That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and agreed to.

The House adjourned at 7.26pm.

# **12 ATTENDANCE**

The following members were present—

Attwood	Cunningham, E	Keech	Miller	Reynolds	Spence
Barry	Cunningham, J	Lavarch	Molloy	Roberts, E	Springborg
Barton	Edmond	Lawlor	Mulherin	Roberts, N	Stone
Beattie	English	Lee	Nelson–Carr	Robertson	Strong
Bell	Fenlon	Lee Long	Nolan	Rodgers	Struthers
Bligh	Flynn	Lester	Nuttall	Rose	Sullivan, C
Boyle	Foley, C	Lingard	Palaszczyk	Rowell	Sullivan, T
Bredhauer	Foley, M	Livingstone	Pearce	Schwarten	Watson
Briskey	Fouras	Lucas	Phillips	Scott, C	Welford
Choi	Hayward	Mackenroth	Pitt	Scott, D	Wellington
Clark, E	Hobbs	Male	Poole	Seeney	Wells
Clark, L	Hopper	Malone	Purcell	Sheldon	Wilson
Copeland	Horan	McGrady	Quinn	Shine	
Croft	Jarratt	McNamara	Reeves	Simpson	
Cummins	Johnson	Mickel	Reilly	Smith	

**R K HOLLIS**  
**SPEAKER**

**N J LAURIE**  
**THE CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENT**

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