VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
NO. 39 – WEDNESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2007

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ABSENCE OF THE SPEAKER
The Clerk informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr Speaker and advised that the Deputy Speaker (Mr J M English) will take the Chair as Acting Speaker.
The Honourable Member for Keppel was nominated by Mr Acting Speaker as Deputy Speaker.

MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY
The Assembly met at 9.30 am, pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mr J M English) read prayers.
Mr Acting Speaker acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land upon which this Parliament is assembled and the Custodians of the sacred lands of our State.

ASSENT TO BILLS
Letter from the Governor was reported, informing the House that Her Excellency had, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, assented to the following Bills on 29 August 2007—
A Bill for an Act to amend the Terrorism (Preventative Detention) Act 2005, the Public Safety Preservation Act 1986, and for other purposes (Terrorism Legislation Amendment Act 2007 – Act No. 34 of 2007)
A Bill for an Act to amend the Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act 2003 (Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Amendment Act 2007 – Act No. 35 of 2007)
A Bill for an Act to make various amendments of Queensland statute law (Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2007 – Act No. 36 of 2007)
A Bill for an Act to amend legislation administered by the Attorney-General, and for other purposes (Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2007 – Act No. 37 of 2007)
A Bill for an Act to provide for assistance to service providers providing community services, and the regulation of the community services, and for other purposes (Community Services Act 2007 – Act No. 38 of 2007)
A Bill for an Act to amend the Land Court Act 2000 and other Acts administered by the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister assisting the Premier in Western Queensland, and for related purposes (Land Court and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2007 – Act No. 39 of 2007)

Paper: Mr Acting Speaker tabled the following paper—
Letter, dated 3 September 2007, from Her Excellency the Governor to Mr Speaker advising of assent to Bills on 29 August 2007

PRIVILEGE – MATTER RAISED – EQUINE INFLUENZA (Record of Proceedings p.3009)
Mr Horan rose on a matter of privilege.

Paper: Mr Horan, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Email, dated 22 August 2007, from Richard Rubira relating to equine influenza in Japan

Mr Horan undertook to write to the Acting Speaker on the matter.

PETITIONS
The following paper petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the Members indicated, were received—
Mr O’Brien, from 137 petitioners, requesting the House to oppose the recommendations of the Local Government Reform Commission.
Ms Lee Long, from 262 petitioners, requesting the House to incorporate a cycle track in the upgrade of the Gillies Highway between Yungaburra and Lake Eacham.
Ms Lee Long, from 286 petitioners, requesting the House to allow the four Tableland Councils to continue to serve their shires in their existing forms.
Mrs Stuckey, from 3,462 petitioners, requesting the House to abandon the proposed 250% increase in the cost of intercountry adoption assessment.
Mr McArdle, from 67 petitioners, requesting the House to urgently replace the crash barriers on Caloundra Road, Little Mountain Home Park.

The following E-petition, sponsored by the Member indicated, was received—

Mr Purcell, from 1,104 petitioners, requesting the House to abandon the proposed 250% increase in the cost of intercountry adoption assessment.

MINISTERIAL PAPERS TABLED BY THE CLERK

The following ministerial papers were tabled by The Clerk—

Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie)—
Letter, dated 3 September 2007, from the Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) to the Clerk of the Parliament enclosing a copy of a letter from the Commonwealth Parliament’s Joint Standing Committee on Treaties listing proposed international treaty actions tabled in both houses of the Federal Parliament on 15 August 2007 and the National Interest Analyses for the proposed treaty actions listed

Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (Ms Bligh)—
Additional information for the Report by the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (Ms Bligh) pursuant to s3.6.9 of the Integrated Planning Act 1997 in relation to the Ministerial Call in of a development application for The Edge at Noosa, and Appendices tabled on 22 August 2007

Minister for Environment and Multiculturalism (Ms Nelson-Carr)—
Response from the Minister for Environment and Multiculturalism (Ms Nelson-Carr) to a paper petition (868-07) presented by Mr Cripps from 123 petitioners, regarding the removal of crocodiles identified near public facilities and populated areas

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS (Record of Proceedings p.3011)

Ministerial statements were made.

Papers: Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie), during his statements, tabled the following papers—
18 photographs of encroachments on Crown land
Program for Russia Week Business Forum on 5 September 2007, list of presenters and companies doing business in Russia
Media release by Mr Beattie titled Smart State Launches Lucrative Russia Plan Ahead of APEC

Statements continued.

Papers: Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport (Mr Fraser), during his statement, tabled the following papers—
Bundle of documents regarding the Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration inquiry into the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Democratic Plebiscites) Bill 2007

Statements continued.

Statements concluded.

MEMBERS’ ETHICS AND PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE – PAPER

Chair of the Members’ Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee (Ms Palaszczuk) tabled the following paper—

Members’ Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee—
Report No. 82 – Matter of Privilege Referred by the Speaker on 18 April 2007 Relating to an Alleged Intimidation of a Member by a legal firm

NOTICE OF MOTION – HOUSE TO NOTE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair of the Members’ Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee (Ms Palaszczuk) gave notice that she will move – That the House notes Members’ Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee
NOTICE OF MOTION – QUEENSLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE
Leader of the Opposition (Mr Seeney) gave notice that he will move – That this House calls on the Government to convene an immediate independent inquiry:
- to identify solutions to the current ambulance crisis; and
- to ensure the ambulance tax paid by every Queenslander provides a world class, responsive, value for money ambulance service, as promised by the Premier.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (Record of Proceedings p.3024)
Questions without notice were asked.

Papers: Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) tabled the following papers—
- Article from the Townsville Sun, dated 29 August 2007, regarding the implementation of local government amalgamation reforms
- Article from the Warwick Daily News, dated 28 August 2007, titled CEO to be appointed at first merger meeting
- Article from the Noosa News, dated 31 August 2007 titled Workings of super council
- Article from the Bowen Independent, dated 29 August 2007, titled Shire union talks start concerning the implementation of local government amalgamation reforms
- Article from the Atherton Tablelander, dated 28 August 2007, titled Amalgamation going ahead
- Article from the Warwick Daily News, dated 5 September 2007, titled Unions have their say

Questions continued.

Paper: Minister for Police and Corrective Services (Ms Spence) tabled the following paper—
- Media release, dated 27 August 2007, from the Department of Corrections, New Zealand, titled GPS technology to monitor offenders at work and study

Questions continued.

Paper: Mr Malone tabled the following paper—
- Extract from Hansard, dated 22 August 2007, regarding political advertising

Questions continued.

Questions concluded.

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS (Record of Proceedings p.3035)
Private Members’ statements were made.

Paper: Ms Barry, by leave, during her statement, tabled the following paper—
- Letter, dated 22 August 2007, from Leonie Johannesen to Ms Barry regarding eligibility for Austudy for part–time nursing students

SUMMARY OFFENCES (GATECRASHING) AND ANOTHER ACT AMENDMENT BILL (Record of Proceedings p.3037)
Member for Burnett (Mr Messenger) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Summary Offences Act 2005 and the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000 and Explanatory Notes and moved – That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put and agreed to.

Mr Messenger moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Attorney–General and Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Premier in Western Queensland (Mr Shine) moved – That the debate be now adjourned.

Question put and agreed to.
PRIVATE MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS  (Record of Proceedings p.3038)
Private Members’ statements were made.

URBAN LAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BILL  (Record of Proceedings p.3042)
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (Ms Bligh) – That the Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.

*Paper:* Mrs E Cunningham, by leave, during her speech, tabled the following paper—
Copy of Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland Bayside Branch media alert, dated 4 September 2007, titled *What a way to celebrate Threatened Species Week - Queensland environmental and social laws at risk*

Debate continued.

*Papers:* Mr Nicholls, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
- Brochure titled *The Howard Government – Doing what’s right for Australia*
- Document containing graph and table relating to Queensland State Transfer Duty

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned on the motion of Mr Nicholls.

MOTION – QUEENSLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE  (Record of Proceedings p.3077)
Leader of the Opposition (Mr Seeney) moved – That this House calls on the Government to convene an immediate independent inquiry:
- to identify solutions to the current ambulance crisis; and
- to ensure the ambulance tax paid by every Queenslander provides a world class, responsive, value for money ambulance service, as promised by the Premier.

Motion seconded by Mr Malone.

Debate ensued.

The following amendment was proposed by the Minister for Emergency Services (Mr Roberts)—
- That all words after ‘House’ are deleted and the following words inserted—
  ‘notes
  – the failure of the previous voluntary subscription scheme to provide an adequate level of funding for the Queensland Ambulance Service;
  – that the Community Ambulance Cover levy has provided the QAS with a stable and secure funding base;
  – that since 1998, this Government has more than doubled the budget to the QAS to a record $404.4m this financial year, including the recruitment of an additional 250 ambulance officers; and
  – commends the professionalism of Queensland’s ambulance officers in the service they provide to Queenslanders.’

Amendment seconded by the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (Ms Spence).

Debate ensued.

Question put – That Mr Roberts’ amendment be agreed to.
The House divided.
Question agreed to.

Question put – That the motion, as amended, be agreed to.

The House divided.

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NOES 29—

Copeland
Cripps
Cunningham
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Dickson
Elmes
Flegg
Foley
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Hopper
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Wellington

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Question agreed to.

Motion, as agreed—

That this House notes
– the failure of the previous voluntary subscription scheme to provide an adequate level of funding for the Queensland Ambulance Service;
– that the Community Ambulance Cover levy has provided the QAS with a stable and secure funding base;
– that since 1998, this Government has more than doubled the budget to the QAS to a record $404.4m this financial year, including the recruitment of an additional 250 ambulance officers; and
– commends the professionalism of Queensland’s ambulance officers in the service they provide to Queenslanders.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT REGULATION (NO. 2) 2007 – MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE (Record of Proceedings p.3086)

Member for Warrego (Mr Hobbs), pursuant to notice, moved – That the Local Government Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2007 (Subordinate Legislation No. 219 of 2007) tabled in the Parliament on 4 September 2007, be disallowed.

Motion seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr Seeney). Debate ensued.
Paper: Mr Hinchliffe, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Copy of article from *Queensland Country Life*, dated 30 August 2007, titled *Vote on forced amalgamations*

Debate continued.

Paper: Mr Wellington, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Local Government Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2007 (Subordinate Legislation No. 219 of 2007)

Debate continued.

Question put. The House divided.

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Question negatived.

**ADJOURNMENT** ([Record of Proceedings p.3105](#))

Leader of the House (Mr Schwarten) moved – That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Paper: Mr Knuth, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Non-conforming petition relating to the closure of the Tieri caravan park and building of single accommodation in the caravan park

Debate continued.

Papers: Mr Gibson, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
Letter, dated 23 August 2007, from Phillip J Cummins, Chief Technical Principal, Dams and T S Hanson, General Manager, Civil Infrastructure to Graeme Newton, Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd, relating to the Traveston Crossing Dam
Letter, dated 20 August 2007, from R E McMah to the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (Ms Bligh) relating to dam proposals

Debate continued.

Question put and agreed to.
The House adjourned at 10.08 pm.
ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present—

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ACTING SPEAKER

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