



Speech by

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**DAIRY INDUSTRY AMENDMENT BILL**

**Mr WELLINGTON** (Nicklin—IND) (2.39 p.m.): I rise to speak to the Dairy Industry Amendment Bill 1998. Since the 13 June election, I have attended many meetings in both private houses and public halls throughout the length and breadth of my electorate of Nicklin and neighbouring electorates. At these various meetings I have experienced the real and genuine anxiety of ordinary Queenslanders who have been concerned about their families' future and the future of the dairy industry in Queensland.

Since the announcement by the Minister of the substance of his Bill, I have been asked by a number of dairy farmers to convey to the Minister their sincere appreciation of his effort and attempts to find appropriate solutions to the difficulties currently being experienced by the dairy industry in Queensland. Notwithstanding the favourable comments that I have been asked to convey to the Minister, I have also received submissions of concern from representatives of the Sunshine Coast Jersey Cattle Club concerned that the Minister's Bill has failed to recognise that milk with a low composition is paid at the same rate as milk with a high composition.

I find myself placed in a situation that, no matter what position I take in relation to this Bill, I will not be able to please all the people who have approached me with their genuine concerns. Notwithstanding that, I have considered all the submissions put to me and today indicate my support for the Minister's Bill and the Minister's attempts to find the best solution to the enormous pressures presently experienced by the dairy farmers in Queensland.

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