



Speech by

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PRIMARY INDUSTRIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Mr WELLINGTON (Nicklin—IND) (5.11 p.m.): In speaking to the Primary Industries Regulation Amendment Bill, I will limit my comments only to the part of the Bill that relates to the amendments to the Brands Act 1915. This is the area of prime concern that has been raised with me by interested parties. In particular, I acknowledge the submission that I received from the Queensland Beef Industry Development Advisory Council. Also, this evening I listened to the comments and concerns relating to the proposed amendments to the Brands Act that were raised by both Government and Opposition speakers.

I recognise that the amendments to the Brands Act 1915 prohibit the branding of the cattle on the cheek and ribs, and include the new branding positions of the twist and the thigh. I am not confident that the twist and the thigh will prove very successful as alternative branding positions. Notwithstanding this, I note that the Bill allows branding on any angle and that cattle branding is still approved in the positions of the rump, the shoulder and the neck. In light of the above alternative positions for branding, I am prepared to support the amendments to the Brands Act 1915 and the amendments to other related Acts contained in the Bill.
