



Speech by

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Hon. D. J. HAMILL (Ipswich—ALP) (Treasurer) (3.01 p.m.), in reply: I thank the honourable members for their support for this legislation. As the member for Moggill has indicated, this is non-controversial legislation. It builds on work that was done through the discussion paper issued early last year at the time that he was the Minister in the coalition Government. We have taken that discussion paper and we have carried those principles forward, completed the consultation, and what we see before us today is the product of those consultations.

It is a measure which has been well supported in the community and well supported among those charitable organisations that will benefit from it. They will benefit because it means that there is an enhanced regulatory framework there which serves the public interest. As well as that, it provides benefits to those organisations because it will cost them less to operate and to raise money, and that means that those funds will find their way back to the charitable purposes for which those moneys were raised rather than in the form of regulatory fees. That might seem a strange sort of proposition for me, as Treasurer, to be welcoming, but it is in the community interest, and that is why legislation is here today.

I might also say that I will be foreshadowing some minor amendments of a very technical nature in the Committee stage, but they in no way detract from the Bill. I am confident that they will also receive the support of all members in the House.
