



Speech by

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**SUPERANNUATION (STATE PUBLIC SECTOR) AMENDMENT BILL**

**Dr WATSON** (Moggill—LP) (Leader of the Liberal Party) (3.18 p.m.): I rise to indicate that the Opposition will be supporting the Superannuation (State Public Sector) Amendment Bill 1999. The purpose of this Bill is to amend the Superannuation (State Public Sector) Act to allow members of QSuper to take advantage of some of the opportunities that have now been provided by legislation at the Commonwealth level and in fact are available to anyone in any other kind of superannuation scheme in the private sector.

The Bill will allow members of QSuper to make contributions on behalf of their spouses. In that way, the non-working or low-income spouse has some opportunity for superannuation for future retirement and also may be able to take advantage of some taxation advantages under the Commonwealth legislation. The important thing, of course, is that it adds no extra liability to the State. Under these circumstances, the Opposition will be supporting the Bill.

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