



Speech by

**Hon. JUDY SPENCE**

**MEMBER FOR MOUNT GRAVATT**

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**BILLS OF SALE AND OTHER SECURITIES AMENDMENT BILL**

**Hon. J. C. SPENCE** (Mount Gravatt— ALP) (Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy and Minister for Women's Policy and Minister for Fair Trading) (5.09 p.m.), in reply: I thank the Opposition for its support of the Bill. As the shadow Minister mentioned, this Bill is aimed at improving business in Queensland and it includes a number of very sensible and modern methods to do so. When one looks at what this Bill actually does, one has to be amazed that it is 1999 and we are suddenly moving onto computers entries from 50 or 60 documents that have to be lodged in four separate locations around the State.

I am told that last year the idea of the bills of sale system was nominated for a Red Tape Reduction Task Force award, although it did not win. The shadow Minister initiated those awards and I think that it is a pity that it did not win. I am sure that he will agree that the legislation includes a number of measures that will reduce red tape.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the officers of the Department of Fair Trading, because the Bill will make Queensland's bills of sale system probably the most modern in Australia. It is a tribute to the officers who work in the Department of Fair Trading that we have moved so fast on this issue. I particularly thank them for their patience in waiting for this Bill because, as the shadow Minister mentioned, the legislation was introduced by the previous Government and it has taken nearly a year for it to be passed by the Parliament.

The system is ready and industry, consumer groups and the banks are waiting for this to happen. I am very pleased that we can push the legislation through the House this afternoon to improve industry in Queensland.

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