



Speech by

Hon. M. FOLEY

MEMBER FOR YERONGA

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Hon. M. J. FOLEY (Yeronga—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for The Arts) (9.01 p.m.), in reply: I thank the honourable members for their contributions. This is a piece of legislation which deals with a difficult area. It provides for an independent appeal system at arm's length from the Executive, that is, one which respects the independence of the judiciary and, as such, it will be a welcome reform in the administration of justice.

The Government does not accept the argument advanced by the Opposition that the retrospective nature of this somehow confers a detriment. To the extent that it operates retrospectively, it confers a benefit, and as such does not fall foul of the rules forbidding retrospectivity. I thank honourable members for their contributions and for their support for this worthy piece of legislation.

Motion agreed to.
