



Speech by

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**COAL MINING SAFETY AND HEALTH BILL
MINING AND QUARRYING SAFETY AND HEALTH BILL**

Mr WELLINGTON (Nicklin—IND) (3.46 p.m.): In speaking to this Bill I place on record my sincere appreciation to the Minister for organising a detailed briefing with his departmental staff. It is greatly appreciated.

Safety in our mines is paramount. That objective has been reflected here today in the hours of discussions that have been had on this legislation. I do not intend to repeat a lot of the comments that have already been placed on the record, suffice to say that I believe this legislation goes a long way to improving safety standards in our mines.

In relation to the amendments foreshadowed by the member for Hinchinbrook, I look forward to listening to the arguments of the member in support of those amendments at the Committee stage. I reserve my position until I hear those arguments.
