



Speech by

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### **SKATEBOARDERS**

**Mr WELLINGTON** (Nicklin—IND) (7.22 p.m.): Skateboards provide a lot of enjoyment to their owners, but I am disappointed to have to say that quite a few riders ride them on public footpaths and roads like maniacs without showing regard for pedestrians or other road users. My experience has been that I only have to mention the word "skateboard" at a meeting and someone has a story to tell about a near collision between a rogue skateboard rider travelling at a fast rate of knots forcing pedestrians out of his or her way or causing a collision.

Some local councils have responded to this problem by passing local laws, and in this regard I specifically recognise the Caboolture Shire Council's model, which gives council officers power to confiscate the rider's skateboard in certain circumstances. Accordingly, I refer members to sections 22 and 23 of the Caboolture Shire Council's local law.

There is a lot of confusion and concern in our community over the powers and responsibilities of police officers and local government officers regarding skateboard riders riding on footpaths and on public roads. In an endeavour to move this issue forward so that all Queenslanders understand the respective powers and responsibilities of police, local government officers and skateboard riders, I urge this Government in the near future to organise an appropriate meeting of the Queensland Local Government Association, the Queensland Police Service, the Main Roads Department and any other appropriate party for the purpose of formalising a definite position in relation to skateboard use and communicating this to all Queenslanders.

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