



Speech by

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**FORESTRY AMENDMENT BILL**

**Mr WELLINGTON** (Nicklin—IND) (11.06 p.m.): I rise to participate in the debate on the Forestry Amendment Bill. I note that the principal objective of this Bill is to give effect to part of the Queensland Government's plan for the South East Queensland Regional Forest Agreement. I also note that there has been a lot of discussion during the debate over the issue of jobs. I do not propose to go over all the issues that have already been raised in the debate in relation to this matter. Instead, I take this opportunity to put on the record the great work that Cedar Hill Orchids Pty Ltd is doing in my electorate in assisting people to find jobs.

I think it is appropriate during this debate that I refresh members' memories on Cedar Hill's activities. I remind honourable members that, a few months ago, the company won the Sunshine Coast region's exporter of the year award. I understand that, as a result of this regional forest agreement, that company has employed an additional 12 people. I am further informed that the company employs three research scientists and that 99.7% of the company's total sales are export guaranteed and all products have a quality guarantee.

I understand that the company's primary business is supplying the international market with Queensland's unique but common native flowers and foliage, and I urge all members of Parliament to recognise and to support the real, new job opportunities which are being created in that clean industry in the region as a result of the company's ability to have resource security.

**Mr DAVIDSON:** I rise to a point of order. I respect what the member for Nicklin is saying about the new jobs that are being created, but I think he should tell the House what he thinks about the jobs that are going to be lost—

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Order! There is no point of order.

**Mr WELLINGTON:** After considering all the issues which have been raised in the debate today, I intend to support the Bill.

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