



Speech by

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**NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS**

**Mr TURNER** (Thuringowa—IND) (6.33 p.m.): I have no hesitation in supporting the motion moved by the honourable member for Gladstone. For some considerable time free syringes have been made available by Government to illicit drug users, yet people suffering other medical conditions that require the use of syringes are not afforded the same privilege unless they attend the same outlets as drug users. This is a most unacceptable situation. These people should not need to suffer embarrassment as well as their condition. We should not discriminate between medical conditions or members of the community. The old saying "If it is good enough for one, it is good enough for all" should apply. I was pleased to hear that the Minister for Health will support this motion. I believe that it should be supported by all members of this House.

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