



Speech by

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**STATE HOUSING AMENDMENT BILL [No. 2]**

**Mr STEPHAN** (Gympie—NPA) (3.21 p.m.): It is my pleasure to join this debate and, in doing so, to recognise that by and large it is the will of all people to own their own home. Unfortunately, some people cannot achieve that aim. Under those circumstances, in terms of their housing needs, we are here to help them and look after them.

Up until the 1980s, housing loan schemes were financed through an arrangement with the Commonwealth Government and the Queensland Treasury. Consequently, lending under this arrangement dried up, which certainly did not do a great deal for those people who were waiting to move into their own home. However, under that agreement, on the south side of Gympie quite a number of houses were built. That development really benefited that area of Gympie, which has since gone from strength to strength.

As I pointed out, we must realise that some people experience difficulties in trying to achieve their aim of owning their own home and that we should help them, even if they run short of money from time to time. I can relate to the intent of this legislation, and I wish it all the best.

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