



Speech by

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EQUITY AND FAIR TRADING [MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS] BILL

Mr WELLINGTON (Nicklin—IND) (5.24 p.m.): I rise to speak to the Equity and Fair Trading (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2000. In particular, I speak in support of the Government's proposed amendments to the Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Act 1956. In the Minister's second-reading speech, she acknowledged that the RSL (Queensland Branch) President, Ray de Vere, had written to a number of members of Parliament to express his organisation's desire to expedite these amendments to the legislation. The RSL (Queensland Branch) President contacted me for support in relation to these amendments.

I understand that the reason for these amendments is to enable the RSL sub-branches involved in community activities to avail themselves of the protection that incorporation offers them. I understand also that the RSL's senior management was hopeful that the Parliament would approve these amendments prior to its State conference scheduled for this weekend. I thank the Minister for ensuring that that will happen and I commend the Bill to the House.
