



Speech by

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INTEGRATED PLANNING AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Mr WELLINGTON (Nicklin—Ind) (12.41 p.m.): I rise to speak to the Integrated Planning and Other Legislation Amendment Bill and, in doing so, refer the minister to the observations made by the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee in *Alert Digest No. 9 of 2001* tabled in this chamber yesterday. In particular, I ask the minister if she would, in her reply, explain why she believes that the flexibility presently provided by section 15DA(3) of the Acts Interpretation Act is insufficient and, even if this is thought to be so, why the bill could not incorporate an extension of automatic commencement other than completely excluding section 15DA.

The Scrutiny of Legislation Committee also observed that an examination of the bill reveals that the bill contains many provisions authorising the making of regulations. Some relate to the setting of fees, whereas others provide for a range of significant matters, including proposed section 3.1.8, proposed section 3.3.7, proposed section 3.7.3, proposed section 3.7.6, proposed subsections 4.2.9A and 4.2.10, proposed section 5.1.2, proposed section 5.1.4 and proposed section 5.7A.1. Accordingly, I ask the minister to explain why she believes it is appropriate for the delegation of legislative powers in this regard. Whilst I await the minister's response in regard to these questions, I do agree with the requirement that the minister prepare a report about any ministerial calling-in and table that report in the Legislative Assembly within 14 days of the minister's decision as proposed by section 3.8.12. I commend the bill to the House.