



Speech by

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**INDY CAR GRAND PRIX AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

**Mrs MILLER** (Bundamba—ALP) (3.18 p.m.): I rise in support of the Indy Car Grand Prix and Other Legislation Amendment Bill. The bill aims to improve the operations of motor racing events on the Gold Coast and by doing so will reinforce our state's reputation for sporting excellence. It will also assist in boosting our state's reputation as the premier state for hosting international sporting events. Let us be clear: these events create jobs and, as the Minister for Employment explained this morning, we are a jobs, jobs, jobs government.

These events also give us exposure around the world. I understand that the Indy is broadcast to 195 countries with an audience of some 700 million people. This is extraordinary and it helps our tourism industry immensely. I understand that the V8 Supercar motor racing series has been confirmed as an event. I have to admit that I have been to only one V8 supercar race at Willowbank in my home city of Ipswich, but I enjoyed it immensely. I hope to go to many more in future years. I do not think anyone would describe me as being a revhead, but we had an enjoyable day out and many of my constituents were there cheering on their favourite motor racing teams. I am sure that many people from Ipswich will be at this year's events, some with more interest in the V8 supercars. In fact, some may even be our famous Ipswich lappers. However, Indy will always be the focus of the carnival.

The government has agreed in principle to continue this racing event for a further five years, and this bill supports the agreement. Part 4 of the bill relates to access to declared areas. Proposed section 23 states that the promoter may, within the declared area, place signs marked 'restricted area'. Only permitted entrants are allowed into these areas. Section 26 relates to access to the motor racing circuit. It outlines that a person must not enter the motor racing circuit during the declared period unless the person is the driver of a racing car or a service vehicle, emergency vehicle or a vehicle authorised by the promoter. This is commonsense.

Proposed section 28 refers to occupants' passes and section 29 refers to entry by ticket. This section outlines that the promoter may issue a ticket and charge a fee for entry into the declared area during the declared period. Such a ticket entitles the person to enter the declared area on the days and times as stated on the ticket. Section 31 refers to reserved areas, seats and blocks of seats.

Part 5 deals with conduct in the declared area. Basically, the promoter must erect a sign outside each approved entrance warning people about activities that may not take place in that area and items that may be confiscated if taken into the declared area. In summary, a person must not place a placard, poster, advertisement or other thing on a building, fence or other structure without the consent of the promoter. A person must not distribute printed material in the declared area between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on any day without the consent of the promoter. Section 36 outlines that people must not bring an animal or bird into the declared area without the consent of the promoter. Again, this is commonsense. Part 6 of the bill refers to the powers of authorised persons in some detail.

I would like to thank the minister, his staff and Public Service advisers for this bill. Consultation was undertaken with all government agencies, the Gold Coast Motor Events Company and the Gold Coast City Council, and all supported the bill. I commend the bill to the House.