



Speech by

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MOTOR VEHICLES SECURITIES AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL

Mrs MILLER (Bundamba—ALP) (4.27 p.m.): I rise in support of the Motor Vehicles Securities and Other Acts Amendment Bill. The purpose of this bill is to extend the registration of security interests to boats and outboard motors in Queensland. In other words, it will provide a register for encumbered vessels scheme—that is, a REVS for Boats Scheme. It will provide for a scheme that is simplified in nature and administratively more workable. The data on the register of the REVS for Boats Scheme will be compatible with a compulsory national hull identification number system. This hull identification number will be permanently attached to a boat and it will conclusively identify a boat.

Banks and other lending organisations seeking to register encumbrances over boats will be able to register them on the REVS system only if the boat has a hull identification number that has been supplied by the Office of Fair Trading. Boats that do not have a hull identification number will remain on the bills of sale register, but over time the number of these boats will decrease. There are a number of people in my electorate who own boats or seek to own boats, as many people are proud fisherpersons. As the winter fishing season looms, there will be boats and trailers moving down the Ipswich Motorway and the Logan toll road to the fishing spots on the Gold Coast and northern New South Wales—indeed, perhaps even in the minister's electorate.

Some constituents have refrained from buying boats, particularly older boats, because of concerns of boat theft and the rebirthing of stolen boats. This legislation will be welcome as it provides consumer protection for people buying boats. I hope the people in my electorate who can afford to buy boats—and there are not too many of them—can do so with increased confidence.

I would like to thank the minister and her department for this great consumer legislation, and I commend the bill to the house.