



Speech by

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APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNOR OF QUEENSLAND

Ms Quentin Bryce AO

Mrs LIZ CUNNINGHAM (Gladstone—Ind) (3.36 p.m.): I rise on behalf of the Independents to support the motion for the appointment of Ms Quentin Bryce to the position of Governor of Queensland, a position which we hold as a position of great importance. Many previous speakers have made comments about their knowledge of Ms Bryce, particularly in terms of their professional knowledge or their social contact with her. On the basis of the information that has been passed on today, we are sure that she will fill the role with not only elegance and capacity but also a great deal of enthusiasm. It has been commented on by a number of the Independents who heard the interview yesterday how enthusiastic and passionate she was for the position to which she has been appointed. That was portrayed in the manner in which she responded to questions during that interview. She brings to the position a great deal of humanity and personality, and that is welcomed. We also wish Mr Bryce success, because it is a role where two people—whilst there is one appointee—very much fill that role. We wish Ms Bryce and Mr Bryce a most satisfying, enjoyable and interesting time in their role as Governor and the Governor's partner.

We also put on the record our appreciation to Major General Peter Arnison and his wife, Barbara. They have at all times been gracious by nature, generous with their time and energy in the role that they have filled and have continued to portray the dignity of that office. As I said, Peter Arnison was the Governor, as will be Quentin Bryce, but their partners also share a great role in the portrayal of those duties. We wish Major General Peter Arnison and Barbara every happiness as their lives take a new direction and we look forward to positive contact with Ms Bryce in the future.