



Speech by

Hon. Andrew Fraser

MEMBER FOR MOUNT COOT-THA

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT BILL

Second Reading

Hon. AP FRASER (Mount Coot-tha—ALP) (Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport)
(2.30 pm): I move—

That the bill be now read a second time.

The bill seeks to remove provisions preventing local governments from undertaking polls about local government reform. This is consistent with the position formally on the record in this House that the government—together with the great majority of Queensland councils—is moving on and making local government reform happen. The laws have been passed, the boundaries are in place and we are looking to the future. Smart councils have started the transition to more stable, more sustainable and more streamlined local governments.

These councils are to be commended for taking a lead in transitioning local government arrangements for the communities they were elected to serve. This bill confirms the stated position of the government and I commend it the House.