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## CRIMINAL CODE (ASSAULT CAUSING DEATH) AMENDMENT BILL

**Mr SPRINGBORG** (Southern Downs—NPA) (9.58 pm): I rise to support the Criminal Code (Assault Causing Death) Amendment Bill 2007 and commend the shadow Attorney-General for its introduction. As has happened in this place on a number of occasions previously, I again see the Attorney and the government resorting to saying, 'Just because you have come up with these ideas, we're not going to support you.'

The government seems to extract a degree of bipartisanship from the opposition but when the opposition demands or requests a degree of bipartisanship from the government when it comes to important legislation before the House it is never prepared to do it. As I mentioned in an earlier contribution today, on at least two occasions in this parliament over a period of time I have introduced private members' bills and motions and the government voted them down. It then came back and substituted its own legislation which was exactly the same as mine and then passed it through the parliament.

We are seeing that sort of thing from the government again tonight. This is eminently sensible law reform. The reason that it is eminently sensible law reform is that it responds to community concern. That community concern basically came to the fore earlier this year in two quite controversial Supreme Court cases where young men were killed as a consequence of drug induced violence in our great city.