



Speech by

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NUCLEAR FACILITIES PROHIBITION BILL

Mr WELLINGTON (Nicklin—Ind) (4.10 pm): I rise to participate in the debate on the Nuclear Facilities Prohibition Bill 2006. After listening to the contribution from our Premier on the bill and in light of comments that other members have already made, I wonder what else I can contribute.

I certainly will be supporting this bill. It is very timely that we are introducing this bill with a federal election just around the corner. It is an opportune time for all members of this parliament to speak on behalf of their respective electorates in this House before a vote is finally taken so that this parliament and all members will be able to send a very clear message to the respective federal senators in Queensland so that they know without a shadow of a doubt what the position in Queensland is in relation to the matters that are contained within this bill.

A number of our local councils on the Sunshine Coast have formed a very clear position on the issue of nuclear facilities in our backyard. I say, without reiterating what has already been said, that I will certainly be supporting the bill and I would urge all members of this parliament to speak up and send a very clear message on behalf of their respective constituents in Queensland as to what their position is on this very, very important matter, which is very timely prior to a federal election. I commend the bill to the House.