



Speech by

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MOTION: WATER

Mr WELLINGTON (Nicklin—Ind) (12.29 pm): I also rise to participate in the debate and say that I will be supporting the motion and will be calling on members who will be voting against the motion to actually call for a division on that motion. I will be supporting the motion because I believe it is out of necessity for our community in south-east Queensland. We have no alternative. I took the chance to actually sample some of the recycled water—some of the new water—which has been available to members during this session. Can I say that it actually tastes better than the Brisbane water and some other local water in Queensland. Thousands of people in this world are drinking this very water. If it is good enough for them, it is jolly well good enough for me.

One other reason why I support this motion is that I would hope this may save viable and valuable agricultural land in the Mary Valley. I know that the government has already made a decision in relation to the future of the Traveston Dam. Who knows? Maybe stage 1 may happen, but hopefully if recycling water goes ahead in Queensland we will not need to go to stage 2 and thousands of hectares of agricultural land can continue to be used for the good of Queenslanders, Australians and visitors to this wonderful region. I urge members to support the motion. I think the opposition's amendment is valid, so I will be supporting that as well.