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**SPORTS DRUG TESTING AMENDMENT BILL**

**Mr LEE** (Indooroopilly—ALP) (6.42 pm): I want to put on record my support for the Sports Drug Testing Amendment Bill. It brings Queensland into line with every other state in the Commonwealth on this matter. One of the speakers from the Liberal Party, I think, said that it should never be suggested that sportspeople are guilty because of who they associate with. I want to put on record something that the cycling community throughout the world is now doing to crack down on doping in that sport, and doping has been a significant problem for them. I understand they now have prescribed lists of doctors whom cyclists are not allowed to associate with. The winner of this year's Giro d'Italia has been banned for three months by the Italian cycling union for associating with a suspected doctor he should not have been associating with. That is something worth bearing in mind.