



Speech by

Hon. Judy Spence

MEMBER FOR SUNNYBANK

Hansard Wednesday, 16 September 2009

SUSTAINABLE PLANNING BILL, ALLOCATION OF TIME LIMIT ORDER

Hon. JC SPENCE (Sunnybank—ALP) (Leader of the House) (4.28 pm): by leave, without notice: I move—

That the following time limits apply to the Sustainable Planning Bill:

- (a) consideration in detail to be completed by 5.28 pm;
- (b) third reading by 5.29 pm; and
- (c) long title agreed by 5.30 pm.

If the stage has not been completed by the time specified, Mr Speaker shall put all remaining questions necessary to pass the Bill, including clauses and schedules en bloc and any amendments to be moved by the Minister in charge of the Bill, without further amendment or debate.

I want to make the point that we have already had 13 hours of debate on this bill. We have had 26 opposition members speak on the bill—in fact, every opposition member who wanted to speak on this bill has had the opportunity to speak on it—and there have been 13 government members speak on the bill. This motion allows that there will be at least two hours of consideration of this bill in the committee stage. I understand it is important and considerable legislation, but I think any reasonable person would believe that this parliament has given a lot of thought and attention to this legislation. It is a bill that I note opposition members are supporting. They agreed with the bill in the second reading stage. I believe that the next hour will provide ample opportunity for opposition members to make their points in committee if they have some serious suggestions they want the government to take on board.