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CLEAN START COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

Mr RYAN (Morayfield—ALP) (11.47 am): I rise to commend the Queensland Labor government on its recent announcement that it will support the Clean Start Collective Agreement. The Clean Start Collective Agreement is about providing a fairer deal to workers in the cleaning industry. The agreement is about respecting and valuing cleaners. The government's decision means that cleaning staff contracted to work in Queensland government owned or leased buildings in the Brisbane CBD will work under improved conditions and will receive a better employment deal. The new arrangements will replace the QBuild code of practice for cleaning contracts. The changes mean that tenders will now be assessed on both price and non-price criteria. The non-price component of the cleaning contract will take into account aspects of workplace health and safety legislation, minimum engagement hours, employee training, work performance evaluations, environmental best practice, and provision for industry best market rate remuneration.

Whilst I commend the Queensland Labor government on this step, which will improve the working conditions and pay for many workers in the cleaning industry, I also take this opportunity to commend the organisers and members of the Liquor, Hospitality and Miscellaneous Workers Union on their advocacy and support of workers through their nationwide Clean Start campaign. The miscellaneous workers union is a union committed to supporting and improving the working conditions of some of the most vulnerable, marginalised and disadvantaged workers in Australia. I am proud to be not only a member of the miscellaneous workers union but also a member of the government that makes the hard decisions to improve the working conditions and pay of workers who have historically not been valued by their employers, been paid poor wages and been provided less than reasonable working conditions. Well done to the Missos and also well done to the government on this great achievement for the cleaners of Queensland!