



Speech by
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GAMBLING AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Mr HORAN (Toowoomba South—LNP) (12.44 pm): It is a shame that debate on this legislation has been cut so short by the guillotine, leaving only two and a half to three minutes for each speaker. On top of that, the Minister for Transport took up nearly 15 minutes of the limited time we had introducing a bill into the parliament against the spirit of the arrangement.

I will speak firstly on the caps on machines in clubs. A number of clubs in my electorate, such as the City Golf Club, the Toowoomba Hockey Club and the South Toowoomba Bowls Club, do a fantastic job. The management of the cap will bring some stability to the industry and will achieve the aims that both sides of this parliament are looking for. The cap restricts the total number of machines to maintain the level of gambling that is occurring.

One of the big issues in Toowoomba at the moment is the issue of late hours for hotels. One of the major chains that owns a number of hotels has applied for these late hours. In my own electorate I have one facility, the City Golf Club, that has applied for extended hours. Whilst it is one of the best clubs around, the golf club does sit within the suburban area of the electorate. I have spoken to people from the nearby area and introduced them to the minister during the community cabinet in relation to this matter. I wrote to the Licensing Commission stating that I did not support the application for those extended—

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