



Speech by

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## MINERAL RESOURCES (MARY RIVER DAM SITE) AMENDMENT BILL

### Introduction

 **Mr WELLINGTON** (Nicklin—Ind) (2.30 pm): I present a bill for an act to amend the Mineral Resources Act 1989 for particular purposes. I table the bill and the explanatory notes. I nominate the Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee to consider the bill.

*Tabled paper:* Mineral Resources (Mary River Dam Site) Amendment Bill 2012 [[1495](#)].

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My bill will provide for the removal from the Mineral Resources Act the designation of two sites in the Mary Valley identified as potential dam sites. These sites are referred to as area 118—Mary River dam site (Traveston Crossing)—and area 119—Mary River dam site (Kenilworth). My bill will assist in reassuring current and potential Mary Valley residents that the government has no intention of allowing these two significant sites in the Mary Valley to continue to be identified as future dam sites.

Recently the state government released its economic development plan for the Mary Valley and has commenced the sale of land purchased by the previous government for the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam. I believe for the state government to be able to sell this land for the best price possible it needs to remove any unnecessary impediments to the sale. The continuation of the existence of the designation of these two significant sites as restricted areas by this government will have a detrimental effect on the potential sale of the land in the Mary Valley. Only today I again checked the state government restricted area schedule, and guess what? Both sites, 118—Mary River dam site (Traveston Crossing)—and 119—Mary River dam site (Kenilworth)—are still listed as restricted areas.

### First Reading

 **Mr WELLINGTON** (Nicklin—Ind) (2.32 pm): I move—

That the bill be now read a first time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

### Referral to the Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mrs Cunningham): Order! In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee.