




Speech by

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 **Mr KNUTH** (Dalrymple—KAP) (10.38 pm): I would like to bring to the attention of the House an important issue that was brought to my attention. The secretary of Charters Towers Country Music Inc. sent me this email today expressing great concern. Her name is Lyn Verra and she has been the secretary practically since it first started. Her email states—

Yesterday, I received a phone call from the ABC Radio in Townsville, inquiring as to whether I knew about how the committee would handle the decision by the Qld Government to move the Labor Day Holiday from May to October.

I was shocked and disappointed as this was the first time, I had heard about this decision. When the previous Government had decided to change the date at least there was some communication and stories in the newspaper. This sudden decision unannounced has not given any organisation—

Madam SPEAKER: Order! Member for Dalrymple, is this referring to a bill before the House?

Mr KNUTH: No, Madam Speaker, this has nothing to do with the bill before the House.

Mr Bleijie: I think it is.

Mr KNUTH: It is nothing to do with the bill before the House, Madam Speaker. It is an email that has been sent to me about concerns—

Madam SPEAKER: Member for Dalrymple, there is a bill before the House with regard to that particular matter. I ask that you not refer to that matter as it is anticipating debate and that would be in conflict with the standing orders.

Mr KNUTH: Okay. Thank you, Madam Speaker.