




Speech By
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MOTION

Referral to the Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee

 **Mr STEVENS** (Mermaid Beach—LNP) (Leader of the House) (2.28 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—

That, the Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee investigate and report on options to incentivise the agricultural and livestock industry to utilise rail.

That, in undertaking this inquiry, the committee should—

- identify opportunities to enhance coordination and collaboration across government, transport industry and primary producers about rail freight;
- provide future direction for enhancing the utilisation of the rail system for primary producers and their freight needs including the demand for freight, including future volume, nature, timing and frequency;
- identify the characteristics of the future transport system for primary producer freight needs;
- identify a broad range of options, including appropriate risk sharing amongst supply chain participants, for delivering freight solutions for primary producers;
- optimise the capacity and performance of the rail system for freight;
- plan a rail system that is positioned to exploit future freight, particularly export, opportunities; and
- develop sustainable long-term solutions for freight movement by rail for the agriculture and livestock industry.

Further, that the committee consult with key industry groups including AgForce, Queensland Farmers' Federation, Cane Growers Australia, Meat and Livestock Australia, GrainCorp, Cotton Australia and rail managers and operators including Queensland Rail, Aurizon and Pacific National.

Further, that the committee report to the parliament by 10 June 2014.