




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR MERMAID BEACH

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MOTION

Referral to the Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee

 **Mr STEVENS** (Mermaid Beach—LNP) (Leader of the House) (10.04 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

That the Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee undertake an inquiry to consider the effect of coastal shipping policy on the development of an efficient and productive multi-modal freight network, taking into account issues such as regional development, supply chain security, road safety impacts and contestability between coastal shipping and other transport modes.

That, in undertaking this inquiry, the Committee should:

- consider what benefits arise from a scheduled 'weekly' coastal shipping service, in terms of reducing road and rail congestion and managing future freight demand;
- consider what impact coastal shipping would have on competition in the Queensland freight transport sector;
- consider the implications of coastal shipping policy for defence support, disaster management, maritime safety, community amenity, environmental sustainability and tourism;
- investigate cross-jurisdictional differences that exist between the states in regulating trading vessels on intrastate voyages that might impact on competition and increase costs within the coastal shipping industry;
- review the policy and regulatory arrangements of the Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012 including the impacts of the 3 tier licensing system on establishing an intra-state coastal shipping trade in Queensland waters; and
- investigate whether Queensland benefits from the uniform regulation of these vessels under existing Commonwealth legislation, and make recommendations where necessary for proposed amendments.

Further, that the committee report to the Legislative Assembly by 1 December 2014.

I look forward to the comments from the member for Rockhampton in relation to this referral.