




Speech By
Shane Knuth

MEMBER FOR DALRYMPLE

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**INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (RESTORING FAIRNESS) AND OTHER LEGISLATION
AMENDMENT BILL**

Motion: Portfolio Committee Reporting Date

 **Mr KNUTH** (Dalrymple—KAP) (11.44 am): I support the motion moved by the Treasurer. Local governments across Queensland are now negotiating enterprise bargaining agreements under the Newman government's modernisation criteria. I have spoken to many council workers who are concerned that the entitlements that they fought for over decades have now disappeared as a result of an act of parliament introduced by the former Newman government. Council workers are some of the lowest paid workers in Queensland. They work hard all their lives and they might pay off their house and pay off their car, but when they retire there is not much left over. That is the life of working class people.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Member for Dalrymple, in relation to standing order 236 and relevance, the motion relates to the time frame and not the actual bill.

Mr KNUTH: I am supportive of the time frame.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: I draw your attention to the fact that the debate is really around the time frame and not the issues that you are expressing. Standing order 236 requires that your comments be relevant to the time frame. I call the member for Dalrymple.

Mr KNUTH: I support the motion moved by the Treasurer. I believe that this legislation will provide for balanced criteria for enterprise bargaining agreements while councils are now in the negotiation process. I support the motion.