




Speech By
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**ELECTRICAL (IMPROVING REPRESENTATION) AND ANOTHER ACT
AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Mr KNUTH** (Dalrymple—KAP) (11.39 am): I fully support the motion. It is about improving representation. It is different to the previous bill that has been put forward. Madam Deputy Speaker, obviously you are aware that we have a redistribution coming up and I believe that we have a time frame of February. You have to remember too that this is a desperate situation because we see a big disadvantage in rural and regional Queensland. In 1986 we had 17,500 constituents; now we are going to have 34,000. We are also going to see three to four seats abolished. We do not have the time frame. We have seen urgency motions pass this House for bills that were insignificant. This is a significant bill and it is important to the representation of Queensland.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Grace): Member for Dalrymple, sorry to interrupt you, but there is just too much audible conversation. I am struggling to hear the member for Dalrymple and I do want to hear what he has to say. Would members please resume their seats if they are in passage ways against the standing orders? If you have conversations to have, member for Everton and member for Mount Ommaney, I suggest that you take them outside. The member for Dalrymple has the call.

Mr KNUTH: The people of Queensland have a big interest in this bill because they have been telling us that they want representation. That is what this bill is about. I fully support it and we need to get this through.