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 **Mr KNUTH** (Dalrymple—KAP) (3.09 pm): I rise to make a small contribution. Robbie has basically covered everything that I would have said. However, I would say that this year we have not all had it our own way. Sometimes we need to be content with our lot. I acknowledge the opposition. There is no doubt that they have risen to the occasion, especially when it comes to robust debate in this House. I acknowledge the Premier and what she said at the time of the Ravenshoe tragedy. I thank the Premier, the government ministers and the departmental staff for their professionalism and dedication and for all the work that they did at that time. I cannot fault their response during that specific moment of tragedy in my electorate. I bring that to the attention of the House.

Today, the parliament reminds me of the battle of Flanders, back in World War I. It was close to Christmas, and the English and the Germans were in fierce battle. But on Christmas Day, candles were lit, carols were sung and a football game was played. Even though they were at war, they came together for that specific moment. This debate is our opportunity. We have been in a big battle this year, but this is an opportunity to enjoy the moment. Together, we can share this festive season.