




Speech By  
**Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe**

**MEMBER FOR SANDGATE**

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### **ELECTRICAL (IMPROVING REPRESENTATION) AND ANOTHER ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (11.37 am): I rise to oppose this motion that would see this private member's bill reported back on in a very short time frame. I have already raised the concern that this bill may contravene standing orders given that it may be considered to be the reconsideration of a question that the House has already considered this session. I note the Speaker's ruling that he will consider that matter and report back to the House.

That aside, the time frame that we are talking about is significantly shorter than the time frame we think would be appropriate and acceptable to consider this bill. This is a matter that has been discussed and debated in some form, but the bill potentially has different complexities. If Mr Speaker allows this bill to be considered by the parliament, then it needs to be considered by the parliament through a proper and fulsome committee process that allows the opportunity for those people who were consulted the last time we looked at these issues to be consulted again. It should not be a shortened process that brings the bill back at the end of this month and does not allow the proper opportunity for engagement and consultation to occur. I do not believe that this shortened time frame is appropriate. I would ask that members of the House support me in making sure that our committees function properly and appropriately by having an appropriate time frame.