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**CRIMINAL LAW (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2)**

 **Mr CRAWFORD** (Barron River—ALP) (5.13 pm): I rise to speak in support of the Criminal Law (Domestic Violence) Amendment Bill (No. 2) and offer a brief contribution to the debate tonight. Today we take another step in addressing this very important issue. It is great to see this House as a whole support this legislation. I certainly thank the members who have spoken today for their statements.

We as members of parliament, as community leaders and as family members have all made various commitments to move the issue of domestic and family violence closer and closer to its inevitable extinction. The amendments to the Penalties and Sentences Act as well as the Criminal Code represent one step in what I hope will be an ongoing commitment by this House to a continued push to roll out legislation and programs aimed at eradicating domestic and family violence.

I spent a great deal of my working life at scenes of crime and violence, many of those domestic scenes, and I witnessed firsthand the frustration of doctors, nurses, social workers, police and paramedics that domestic violence in the community, within the law industry and certainly within parliament was not taken seriously. We have certainly seen changes coming through in the 55th Parliament which prove that is not the case. It is great that this House is pushing these forward. It is clear that Queensland wants these changes and I support the bill.