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**MAJOR SPORTS FACILITIES AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Mr MILLAR** (Gregory—LNP) (4.44 pm): I rise to make a short contribution to the debate of this bill and in support of the amendment foreshadowed by the member for Beaudesert regarding Lang Park. I grew up in regional Queensland and remember seeing the late, great Artie Beetson run out wearing the Queensland jersey. After so many years of him having to play for New South Wales, seeing him run out onto Lang Park—that is what we used to call it—is a memory that makes the stadium dear to many people's hearts. Of course, many people have seen games played there. In fact, the member for Condamine was there for the first game at Lang Park when Artie Beetson led out the Queenslanders and made sure we won.

**Mr Janetzki:** What a moment.

**Mr MILLAR:** It was a great moment. It is something that is of great tradition to many Queenslanders. I grew up in Emerald. Many Queenslanders in those days would refer to the stadium as Lang Park. If we could not get down to Brisbane—it was pretty hard to get down to Brisbane in those days—we would watch on TV games being played at Lang Park. We knew that when the game was being played at Lang Park there was a good chance we would win. It has a lot of history as a sporting facility that means a lot not only to Brisbane but also to Queenslanders—from the cape right down to Coolangatta and from Maryborough all the way out to Windorah. Lang Park is something special.

Sometimes we have to make sure that we preserve the history which is important to us. The history of Lang Park is something that I think is dear to everybody in this House. I do not think anybody in this House could dispute Lang Park's history with regard to Rugby League. The Broncos started off there, as did the good old South Queensland Crushers.

**Mr Pegg:** What does the act say about the Brisbane Cricket Ground and the Gabba? Tell us about that.

**Mr MILLAR:** I am talking about Lang Park. I am talking about making sure we keep the history of Lang Park and supporting the member for Beaudesert in foreshadowing an amendment that preserves the history. As an ABC rural reporter I was never allowed to call it Suncorp Stadium. I and my colleagues always had to call it Lang Park.

**Mr Janetzki:** There are no sponsors at the ABC!

**Mr MILLAR:** Now I think they do call it Suncorp Stadium, but when I was at the ABC it was always referred to as Lang Park. I call on those on the other side of the House to support the very sensible amendment foreshadowed by the member for Beaudesert to ensure we preserve the history of Lang Park.