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MAJOR SPORTS FACILITIES AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (5.58 pm): I rise to speak in favour of the Major Sports Facilities and Other Legislation Amendment Bill. The act has a variety of positive objectives that are for the betterment of Queensland. Firstly, it seeks to amend the Major Sports Facilities Act, which regulates stadiums in Queensland, as we heard so passionately from the member for Mount Coot-tha when speaking about Lang Park, or Suncorp Stadium. Firstly, as I said, this bill will amend that act. We recognise that putting on major sporting events and major entertainment events requires the involvement of sponsors, whether they be naming rights sponsors that provide the bedrock of backing for a particular team or a venue, or smaller sponsors. Naturally, the sponsors want to ensure that their product is presented in the best possible light. They further want to ensure that competitors do not use the occasion of a particular major sporting event to advertise their products or services without undertaking to sponsor the team, the stadium or the event.

The act streamlines the process and ensures that sponsors can invest with confidence in Queensland. One questions whether any motion to attack the naming rights of a particular sponsor in this place would give the same kind of confidence to those who wish to sponsor our major sporting and cultural events and that maybe they will question whether it is a good deal to continue to have those naming rights sponsors. The act streamlines this process and ensures that sponsors can invest with confidence in Queensland.