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TRANSPORT AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

 **Mr BAILEY** (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (4.52 pm): There are a lot of positive measures in this bill that I endorse. I note the hard work of the committee and the contributions of those opposite as well as members of the government in support of this bill. Certainly the new photo ID cards will be very welcomed by 15- to 17-year-olds. In some ways it is surprising that it has taken this long to do it across many, many governments because 15- to 17-year-olds have been a very important part of our economy for a long time. I can remember this issue coming up many times over the years. It will be welcomed in our community. It has been overdue for a long period of time.

It is good to see the removal of red tape—that is essentially what a lot of these administrative provisions are doing—and moving into the digital age, seeing Transport and Main Roads using the latest technology to make that engagement with the customer more user-friendly and to get away from the paper forms that are laborious and time consuming and are the old way of doing it. As with a whole variety of services that we provide, such as e-correspondence, online services and portals, it is important to see those services coordinated and it is important, I think, for people's faith in government to see the government and the Public Service moving with the times so that they feel that it is relevant and that it is engaging. As young people increasingly come into an age where they are interfacing with departments, I think it is important that we are moving with the times in the digital age.

The trial later this year is a real positive in terms of eliminating those duplications that are unnecessary, whether it is the driver's licence or the photo ID cards, and to use that experience and that research to inform departmental processes and, no doubt, that will be more prolific across-the-board. It is also very heartening to see us moving away from a customer focused model to an integrated model with the information technology focus in this digital age. That is a positive.

We see a lot of administrative clarifications in the bill in terms of a range of different acts, such as the Transport Infrastructure Act 1994, mainly for efficiency means where the process for those responsible for doing those administrative tasks is being streamlined so we can get more efficient outcomes. In terms of the driver authorisation aspect for those charged with a driver disqualifying offence, it is good to see provisions in the bill as well. I do not intend to speak too much longer. It is a positive bill and a non-contentious one, and I endorse it.