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**CRIMINAL LAW (HISTORICAL HOMOSEXUAL CONVICTIONS EXPUNGEMENT)
BILL**

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (4.33 pm): I rise to make a very brief contribution to the debate on the Criminal Law (Historical Homosexual Convictions Expungement) Bill 2017 and report No. 57 of the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee. I thank the committee members and our committee secretariat for the hard work they put in. We can honestly say that we listened very carefully to all of the witness statements. We read through the material that was provided to us and we understand the pain that so many people have been suffering for so many years as a result of convictions that now will be able to be expunged if they so choose to go down that path.

I note that the Attorney-General has foreshadowed some amendments to the bill. I also note that the report contains a statement of non-government members to properly clarify our position in relation to some aspects of the report. Overall, the bill is a good one. I am not going to go through the detail. It has been well and truly canvassed by the Attorney-General; the shadow Attorney-General, the member for Mansfield; and the chair of the committee. I simply say that going forward a lot of people are going to feel a lot better about their lot in life because of the changes they can make in their life as a result of this bill being put into this House.