




Speech By
Hon. Yvette D'Ath

MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE

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MOTION

Suspension of Standing Orders

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (3.42 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—

That, notwithstanding anything contained in standing orders, for all further divisions on the Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill the division bells shall be rung for one minute.

The normal process of this House is that where there are multiple divisions in relation to a bill during consideration in detail subsequent division bells are rung for one minute. Why? It is about efficiency of this House. We have just listened to a debate about getting work done and wanting to debate bills. We heard those opposite talk about the farmers who have come to town this week and yet they want those people in the gallery and everywhere here to sit and listen to bells being rung for four minutes for every single division that they intend to call for possibly every amendment to the bill for the rest of the afternoon. That is not an efficient way to run this parliament.

The fact is that we have already had an hour and a half of consideration in detail on this bill. The majority of members have been sitting in this chamber. It is an efficient use of time to simply have the division bells rung for one minute for all divisions to come. There are plenty of clauses to still be considered.

There are multiple amendments from both government and non-government members still to be considered. It would be an absolute abuse of the processes of this House to suggest that we should sit here while the division bells are rung for four minutes for divisions on those matters. If those opposite are serious about having genuine debate during consideration in detail on this bill then they should support this motion and allow, as is normal practice in this House, the division bells to be rung for one minute for the remainder of the divisions during consideration in detail.