



Speech By
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**WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING (WASTE LEVY) AND OTHER
LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

Resumed from 13 February (see p. 202), on motion of Ms Enoch—

That the bill be now read a second time.

 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (11.18 am), continuing: It was good to have a break overnight because I got the opportunity to console the member for Stretton who had to endure that blistering attack from the Deputy Leader of the Opposition where he reached into his kit bag and got out the wettest of wet lettuce leaves and gave him a good thrashing. I can see that the member for Stretton has somehow survived that. Well done member for Stretton.

It is not just individuals in the electorate of Greenslopes who are making these changes. Businesses and organisations are making these changes too. Just last week I had the opportunity to visit a small business in my electorate run by Mr Brett Watson called Unitray. I was there because he had received a Palaszczuk government small business grant. Brett has been a plumber for 30 years but, more importantly, he is an innovator. Some of the products that he is producing are quite outstanding.

He has answered the question about the type of society we want to be by designing products that are sustainable and recyclable. He has also now reached a point in his business where he is researching ways to make the packaging of his product recyclable. Brett, like many businesses, is taking the lead and answering that question. They are changing their practices and being prepared to change their practices.

Recently I was at the Greenslopes State School P&C. That particular organisation, of which I am a member, has decided that they will introduce the war on waste into their school. Many of the decisions that were made at the P&C meeting that night involved thinking about how they could reduce their waste in the school.

I have not just listened to the words but taken note of the actions of the people, the organisations, the community groups and the businesses in the electorate of Greenslopes. Those opposite have an opportunity to atone for their past mistakes. They have an opportunity to do the right thing here. They can walk away from the mistakes of the past.

Mr McArdle interjected.

Mr KELLY: If you vote this way, I will certainly give you absolution. They have the opportunity to atone for their past mistakes and put the destructive legacy of the Newman government behind them.

The people in my electorate, and I am sure in electorates right around this state, have made their views and their thoughts clear through their words and through their actions. They want change, they are implementing change and they want leaders who will be supporting those changes. I commend this bill to the House and I encourage every member of this House to support this bill.