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**ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT
BILL**

CO-OPERATIVES NATIONAL LAW BILL

 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (3.59 pm): The LNP will not be opposing these bills, but I will make a contribution around clause 31 of the associations incorporation bill which, as the shadow Attorney-General has stated, we will be opposing and opposing with vigour. If this provision is allowed to proceed, it puts at risk the appetite and likelihood people will want to join an incorporated association—community minded people who want to sign up to do good. Why would somebody who seeks to sign up to do good wish to expose themselves to what is contained in this clause?

There are laws that exist for those who break the law. Fancy people facing a fine of \$8,000 for making a mistake while serving one's community in a volunteer capacity! It means that we are less likely to have good people sign up to these organisations and therefore more likely to have people involved in organisations who may not be suitably qualified or who may not have the right intentions.

The people who line up to be part of these organisations are the heroes of our community. Allow me to tell members about a few such organisations in my electorate of Broadwater and the work they have done for our community. I start with the Rotary Club of Hope Island. This is a club that packs an almighty punch for its membership. By working with all levels of government, particularly the state and federal government, and the business sector—I was very pleased to play a small role in allowing them to connect with the Bendigo Bank, which runs a great community program in my electorate—they raised \$150,000 to build a memorial for Armistice Day which proudly sits at Hope Island. It is a magnificent legacy. I thank all of those involved in that project. They all should be so very proud.

They have also been at the forefront of raising money to find a cure for malaria. Many members will know that one of the issues that Rotary has been working on is polio eradication. Malaria is the next cab off the rank. That research is being done at Griffith University on the Gold Coast. This club has an almighty involvement in that. They have provided \$700,000 for the Water for the West project. They have provided \$400,000 to distribute food under the Fodder for the West program. The Rotary Club of Runaway Bay runs an art fair and many youth programs. Its barbecue trailer is always seen around the place. The Lions Club of Sanctuary Cove, Hope Island and Runaway Bay fundraises for domestic violence shelters. They have raised money for Cure for Brain Cancer and hearing support dogs.

It is not just about a financial contribution. I have many Probus clubs in my electorate. The role they play in ensuring people can continue to come together to have engaging discussions and invite community leaders and make them dance with tricky questions and what it does for breaking social isolation is something we cannot put a price on. The fact that these clubs have not been able to meet during COVID has been a blow for many of the seniors who value this interaction so much.

Likewise, there are the school P&Cs. We have men and women who are involved in those organisations. I have three school P&Cs in my electorate. They do a mighty job. I say to all of them that we value what they do.

A government member interjected.

Mr CRISAFULLI: I am happy to talk to the member about this outside. Yes, you are right. I have three P&Cs. They do a mighty job and they see a lot of me. People sign up to these organisations not for personal gain, not for personal glory, not for personal gratification. They do it because they love their community and they love their children. Any laws that stop good people from wanting to make a contribution to these groups should be resisted.