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BILL**

 **Ms PUGH** (Mount Ommaney—ALP) (5.34 pm): As honourable members can see, this bill is one of the most intense that we have dealt with! There has been a lot of negotiation and it has been incredibly controversial! Even today the committee has been going backwards and forwards—and that is why I have lost my voice. The negotiations were not actually about the bill; they were about who was allowed to tell the worst dad joke. My money is on the member for Burdekin, so well done, Dale.

This is a rare bill that our committee has easily agreed on, and that is fantastic. When the bill first came before the committee it was hard to think of a way to speak about it that would engage and interest the House. Other members of the committee have done a wonderful job in going over some of the detail. We have heard about what geocentric datum is, why datum is important and I have a list about who uses them. The short answer is everybody uses datum.

I am very excited because for the first time since I was elected my kids are coming in for dinner tonight. My mother-in-law is bringing them in and she will be relying on her GPS to do that. We all know that when driving around the city if you take a wrong turn or overshoot a turn, another 20 minutes is added to the trip. It is an absolute nightmare. The importance of things like GPS and getting those precise measurements in circumstances like that cannot be overstated. That is why it is important to me. However, as I have said, it is important to everybody. We have heard great examples about why it is important to farmers—people driving through fences, for example. As automatic cars come online, it is going to be more and more important as automated intelligence is used instead of real human intelligence.

As I said, it is a rare bill that is as uncontroversial as this. I think it is worth taking note of the datum that has been updated and when it was updated. The last datum was updated in 1994. If honourable members were really lucky they might have had access to the internet in 1994. If they were going somewhere they might have been able to—

Mr Mickelberg interjected.

Ms PUGH: I said if they were really lucky, and I do not think that is the case for any of us here. They might have been able to print a map using something like a precursor to Google—probably not. They most definitely would not have been able to do that in 1984 when the datum before that was updated. People would have been getting out the *UBD* and highlighting their route. The world certainly has come a long way, and that is why this piece of legislation is so important. We need that precision in this day and age. This bill ensures we have that precision.

I am going to leave it at that. As I said, my kids are coming in for dinner shortly. I am really excited. I hope they get here in one piece thanks to the trusty GPS. I commend the bill to the House.