



Speech By  
**Hon. Meaghan Scanlon**


**MEMBER FOR GAVEN**

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**NATURE CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEGISLATION (INDIGENOUS JOINT MANAGEMENT—MORETON ISLAND) AMENDMENT BILL**

**Introduction**

 **Hon. MAJ SCANLON** (Gaven—ALP) (Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and Minister for Science and Youth Affairs) (12.18 pm): I present a bill for an act to amend the Aboriginal Land Act 1991, the Nature Conservation Act 1992, the Recreation Areas Management Act 2006 and the Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991 for particular purposes. I table the bill, the explanatory notes and a statement of compatibility with human rights. I nominate the State Development and Regional Industries Committee to consider the bill.

*Tabled paper:* Nature Conservation and Other Legislation (Indigenous Joint Management—Moreton Island) Amendment Bill 2020 [341](#).

*Tabled paper:* Nature Conservation and Other Legislation (Indigenous Joint Management—Moreton Island) Amendment Bill 2020, explanatory notes [342](#).

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I am pleased to introduce the Nature Conservation and Other Legislation (Indigenous Joint Management—Moreton Island) Amendment Bill 2020. This bill was previously introduced during the last term of government and lapsed upon dissolution of the Legislative Assembly. There have been no changes to the bill. This bill will deliver on commitments made by the Palaszczuk government to support the native title consent determination on 27 November 2019 that recognised the Quandamooka peoples' native title rights and interests over Moreton Island—or Mulgumpin, as it is known by the Quandamooka people.

This bill will amend the Aboriginal Land Act 1991, the Nature Conservation Act 1992 and the Recreation Areas Management Act 2006 for joint management arrangements between the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation, also known as QYAC, and QPWS to protect Mulgumpin for generations to come. Joint management arrangements will ensure that QYAC will hold the land in trust for the Quandamooka people and the land will continue to be managed as part of Queensland's protected area estate.

QPWS will work with the traditional owners and incorporate their knowledge and skills into the management of Mulgumpin. They will record Aboriginal cultural sites and values to provide for the protection and conservation of significant cultural and natural values. This also means that the traditional owners will be able to drive and enhance visitor experiences for all Queenslanders on Mulgumpin to enjoy. Joint management practices have already been successfully implemented on Minjerribah, or North Stradbroke Island, where we see Quandamooka practices, knowledge and expertise in land and sea management in place.

The transition to joint management arrangements with QYAC has already begun, and this bill will formalise the next steps in recognising the First Nation peoples. This is a fantastic opportunity for the future of the Moreton Bay region, not only for best-practice land and sea management with the traditional owners but also for the whole community to have this iconic region recognised for its remarkable cultural significance.

This bill is part of the Palaszczuk government's continuing commitment to work with First Nation peoples to facilitate greater self-determination and provide opportunities for the economic, social and cultural aspirations of traditional owners to be achieved over their lands. I am proud to introduce this important legislation into the House today as the next step in recognising the Quandamooka people on Mulgumpin. I commend the bill to the House.

### **First Reading**

**Hon. MAJ SCANLON** (Gaven—ALP) (Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and Minister for Science and Youth Affairs) (12.21 pm): I move—

That the bill be now read a first time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

### **Referral to State Development and Regional Industries Committee**

**Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mrs Gerber): In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the State Development and Regional Industries Committee.