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VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING BILL

 **Mr LISTER** (Southern Downs—LNP) (4.39 pm): I rise to speak in favour of the amendment which has been moved by the member for Traeger, and I thank him for doing so. I think he in a very persuasive fashion has laid bare the question of choice in this bill. Those who are in areas blessed with good palliative care opportunities and those who have the funding to have private surgeons and medical attention will be faced with a different choice to those people who live in some of the areas that I represent who do not have access to excellent palliative care. If there is going to be a question of choice, the choice needs to be equal for all. I am surprised that of all governments a Labor government would resist us speaking about that. I wholeheartedly support the amendment.