



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR NOOSA**

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**MOTION**

**Estimates Process, Referral to Committee of the Legislative Assembly**

 **Ms BOLTON** (Noosa—Ind) (5.42 pm): I rise to make a very brief contribution as I have already spoken on this in my estimates speech today. It is well known that in the last term I raised concerns over committee and estimates hearing processes and through statements of reservation, letters and speeches asked simply that these be reviewed to address the concerns raised by past and current members of parliament, including me.

By supporting this motion, all MPs through their vote will give the capacity for the CLA to undertake an inquiry. Even though it is not the independent review I had requested into the broader committee system, it provides the opportunity to achieve what is sought—that is, equitable processes to deliver greater efficiencies and improved outcomes for Queenslanders. It would also put an end to the arguments I have seen here in this debate. There should be no-one in this chamber who would oppose this. I will repeat it: equitable processes to deliver greater efficiencies and improved outcomes for Queenslanders. As we have all heard, Queenslanders are increasingly disillusioned by processes and decisions that do not meet their expectations. The call and support for this inquiry would very much meet their expectations.

As I said earlier, we should have no anger or fear regarding working to become more efficient or having an inquiry to achieve this. Any and all efforts that improve our performances as members of parliament and the performance of government should be wholeheartedly supported. I ask MPs on both sides to put aside the past and the anger and to come together in bipartisan support to allow this chamber the opportunity to move into the future.