




Speech By
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LIQUOR (ARTISAN LIQUOR) AMENDMENT BILL

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (2.55 pm): I rise to make a brief contribution to the debate of the Liquor (Artisan Liquor) Amendment Bill 2020. At the outset, pursuant to standing order 260, I declare that my husband owns and runs a small craft brewing business in Queensland.

As we all know, Queensland is a great state. More and more people are moving to Queensland each and every year for our wonderful lifestyle. This includes entertainment venues and the array of new boutique craft brewing venues across our state. As the Attorney-General advised in her speech, Queensland has around 90 independent craft breweries in Queensland and employs more than 1,700 Queenslanders. We know that, even during COVID-19, craft breweries are still a popular choice. The bill before the House today, introduced by the Palaszczuk government, will support these small and medium sized businesses to grow even further. I know that Queensland brewers and industry representatives in Queensland will welcome these proposed changes. With those brief comments, I commend the bill to the House.