



Speech By
Hon. Yvette D'Ath

MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE

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MOTION

Business Program



Hon. YM D'ATH (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (11.17 am): I move—

1. That the Superannuation (State Public Sector) (Scheme Administration) Amendment Bill will be considered during this week's sitting.
2. The following time limits for the bill listed in 1. apply:
 - (a) the minister to be called on in reply by 6.25 pm on Tuesday, 26 October 2021.
3. If all stages of the bill listed in 1. have not been completed by 6.55 pm on Tuesday, 26 October 2021, Mr Speaker:
 - (a) shall call on the minister to table any explanatory notes to their circulated amendments, any statement of compatibility with human rights or any statement relating to an override declaration
 - (b) shall put all remaining questions necessary to pass the bill without further debate
 - (c) may interrupt non-specified business or debate on a bill or motion to complete the requirements of this motion
 - (d) will complete all stages required by this motion notwithstanding anything contained in standing and sessional orders.

The government resolved—not the committee, because I know that those on the opposite side will oppose, as they always do—that we will set a time limit in relation to the Superannuation (State Public Sector) (Scheme Administration) Amendment Bill, to be debated this week—there are amendments to be moved that are of some urgency—to ensure the bill can get assent and proceed to Executive Council. Otherwise, the bills on the *Notice Paper* will proceed as planned. We hope that some members may be able to do their address-in-reply speech this week.

I am going to pre-empt a bit of the debate that I suspect we might hear shortly—it is on the front page of the *Courier-Mail*—only because I know that the member for Kawana is pretty predictable and will go there. When it comes to the number of bills before this parliament, it is substance not quantity that matters. We are very proud of the legislation the Palaszczuk government has brought in and passed through this parliament since we came to office in 2015, not least the electoral donation laws that we passed very early on, the termination of pregnancy legislation and the voluntary assisted dying legislation. Of course, this week we will see the introduction of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games organising committee structure—a very important piece of legislation to lay the groundwork for what is to come over the next 11 years in preparation for the Brisbane 2032 games.

If those opposite want to talk about the number of bills coming before this House and the debate on those bills, I remind those members that they have quite a legacy when it comes to bills. They passed a lot of bills. They passed many bills that saw the sacking of public servants. We all recall the Public Service and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 and the appropriation bills that cut \$1.6 billion from the health budget. We all remember the Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill that took away the rights of injured workers to common law workers compensation under WorkCover.

Of course we all remember the Vicious Lawless Association Disestablishment Bill—what a name. That led to a single conviction. That legislation was very successful! We did see pink overalls introduced into the prison system. That went down well and changed crime statistics in this state. I am sure crime rates dropped suddenly when people saw the pink overalls. We saw the industrial relations fair work act harmonisation bill that allowed for individual contracts for doctors and removed unfair protections. We saw the boot camp orders legislation. We know what an absolute waste of money that was. We did not see any reduction in youth crime as a consequence of that. In fact, it was so successful that some youth kept coming back to the boot camps over and over again. They enjoyed the experience.

We saw the Vegetation Management Framework Amendment Bill that removed protections and resulted in the broadscale clearing of land, causing 35 million tonnes of carbon pollution in a single year. We saw the Electoral Reform Amendment Bill 2013 which lifted the donations threshold so that someone could walk in the door and make a donation of over \$12,000 and no-one would have to disclose it. We would not know who they were donating to, who it was coming from and how much they were getting in the paper bag. Those are pieces of legislation that I am sure the LNP are still to this day extremely proud of.

The North Stradbroke Island Protection and Sustainability and Another Act Amendment Bill included mining company Sibelco's branded maps in the legislation to extend sandmining following an undisclosed third-party campaign for the LNP valued at \$90,000. The Mineral and Energy Resources (Common Provisions) Bill removed third-party appeal rights on resource projects. During consideration in detail on the Land and Other Legislation Amendment Bill amendments were introduced to make the activities of Karreman Quarries retrospectively legal following \$75,000 in donations to the LNP.

I will take quality over quantity any day. I am very proud of the legislation we have introduced and the bills we will be debating this week.