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**BUILDING UNITS AND GROUP TITLES AND OTHER LEGISLATION  
AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (3.40 pm): I rise to support the Building Units and Group Titles and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022. My constituents Tony and Shelley, who are in the gallery, have been impacted severely by the Couran Cove debacle. They came in to have a meeting with me and I think I had to pick my chin up off the ground to totally understand the impact that this has had on their lives. It has just been absolutely traumatic for them outside of this whole crazy structure where people are paying into the body corporate and then taking money out to use for fees to fight the existing landowners. It is absolutely shocking what has been going on there.

There are other residents in the gallery today too—Tony, Shelley, Karen, Mick, Dave, Bernie and Margaret. For all of the residents at Couran Cove, it has just been shocking. There has been the restriction of access to basic utilities such as electricity, water and gas, and there has been sewage leaking and boardwalks that are absolutely dangerous. This has stopped seniors who live over there from doing things. It is absolutely shocking. Karen is unable to walk any distance without severe breathlessness. She has balance issues and she has had three falls. Her husband, Mick, also has the same issues. They have been denied the ability to have a buggy on the island, and that is the only form of transport. They live a kilometre away from the jetty. Living on an island is so complex and stopping mobility for the seniors who live over there shows that what has gone on is absolutely disgusting. Those people—they know who they are—should absolutely hang their heads in shame for what they have done to the residents of that island.

Margaret applied for a berth on the Z arm and the very next day the new neighbours who had bought a cheap block put in an application. They were approved within one week whilst Margaret has been told that they still cannot have access to a jetty. As I said, there are islands in my patch and the only way you can get to and from home is via the water. Denying people the opportunity to have a berth when there were over a dozen that were still spare with three refusals with no reason for the denial is just absolutely shocking. I am so pleased to see this legislation. I know absolutely how much it means to those residents who have been impacted in the shonky scam set-up that has been going on. I look forward to seeing this bill pass as quickly as possible for all of those residents who have absolutely been traumatised by the body corporate that has been managing that structure because it is shameful. I commend this bill to the House.