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ANIMAL CARE AND PROTECTION AMENDMENT BILL

 **Mr KNUTH** (Hill—KAP) (5.59 pm): I rise to speak to the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill. There were 1,495 submissions to the bill, which shows how controversial and emotionally charged this bill is to Queenslanders. I support some of the measures in this bill and also wholeheartedly support legislation that protects animals from intentional neglect, abuse and harm.

However, we often see legislation presented to the House that makes things worse for Queenslanders, and this legislation is an example. The bill is not based on evidence but instead has a warped sense of appearing to do the right thing. It is purely politically motivated and is aimed at securing support from inner-city Greens voters who have no idea about this legislation and how it will affect rural and regional Queensland.

Since I was first elected I have advocated for stronger measures to combat Queensland's biggest environmental vandal: the feral pig. Yesterday I heard the minister for agriculture say that there are alternatives to yellow phosphorous poisons that combat feral pigs in ground and aerial shooting programs.