



## Speech By Hon. Shannon Fentiman

## MEMBER FOR WATERFORD

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

## Second Reading

**Hon. SM FENTIMAN** (Waterford—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (12.29 pm): I move—

That the bill be now read a second time.

Before speaking to the specific objectives of the bill, I would like to briefly acknowledge the problems and issues being experienced by some of the people who will benefit from this bill. I refer to unit owners and residents at Couran Cove Island Resort on South Stradbroke Island. I want to acknowledge and thank them for their patience and acknowledge that this is just the start of the debate today. To the residents who are here today—Bec, Shelley, Dave, Michelle and Daniel—thank you so much for your advocacy and for meeting with me. I acknowledge how difficult and challenging it has been, and I hope this brings some relief and some better governance to what is happening on Couran Cove.

As members would be aware, unit owners have been experiencing significant problems at Couran Cove in recent years, including disruptions to privately provided essential utility services, ongoing disputes and court actions and allegations of large amounts of debt owing to and between bodies corporate at the development.

Debate, on motion of Ms Fentiman, adjourned.