




Speech By
Hon. Yvette D'Ath

MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE

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MOTION

Suspension of Sessional Orders

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (11.32 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

That for this week's sitting so much of sessional orders 1 and 2 be suspended to:

1. provide that the automatic adjournment today commences at 8 pm with government business to take place between 7 pm and 8 pm; and
2. provide that the automatic adjournment on Wednesday evening commences immediately after debate on the private member's motion has concluded.

Just speaking very briefly to that motion, I thank the opposition. The government reached out to the opposition to see if they would be supportive of us rising at 6.30 pm on Wednesday after starting the adjournment debate at 6 pm on the basis that we have the flood fundraiser. It is a bipartisan event. We hope that as many members as possible can participate in that and support that event. We thank the opposition for being willing to do that. The opposition requested that in losing that hour on Wednesday we replace it with an hour tonight. We were willing to support that request.

I will say I was a little bit surprised that the opposition were willing to do that during the Morrison government's budget speech and not allow all their members to listen to the budget speech. That is fine; that is what was requested. However, I was a bit surprised. We are happy to do it. It is certainly an important sitting. There are important debates to be had. I welcome the bipartisanship of the Manager of Opposition Business, both in our request with regard to Wednesday evening and also us being willing to alter tonight's sitting hours so we do not lose that hour.