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**LIQUID FUEL SUPPLY (MINIMUM BIOBASED PETROL CONTENT)
AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Mr WHITING** (Bancroft—ALP) (5.40 pm): I rise to say a few words on the bill. I start by thanking the member for Traeger and the other KAP members for their promotion of Queensland biofuels. We all recognise that there are many opportunities for biofuels opening up in this state. We know that new markets for biofuels are also opening up around the world and that the petrol market will decrease. That provides us with a great opportunity because we produce the base materials, the biomass, for those fuels, for example, at the Wilmar plant at Sarina. We will be there as the biofuels industry opens and expands over the coming years. One great opportunity that is emerging involves renewable diesel which can be substituted for mineral diesel using biomass. That can be done without expensive modifications. There is drop-in equipment that can be used and away you go.

I want to talk about the great opportunity that exists to develop sustainable aviation fuel, SAF. It is exciting that over the coming years the world will be looking to go to zero emissions for aviation using agricultural products. We are talking about tallow, sugarcane pulp, cereal cropping residues and things such as those, which, once again, we can produce. Oceania Biofuels have chosen Gladstone to establish their \$500 million sustainable aviation fuel plant. I believe it will be the first commercial sustainable aviation fuel biorefinery in Australia. It will create 60 direct jobs in the Gladstone area. The aviation industry has said that they want to get to 10 per cent sustainable aviation fuel by 2030. This is a great opportunity for Queensland and I believe that we are doing everything we can to grab that opportunity.

In May we released an options paper, which has now closed. The paper asked everyone for input about biofuels, sustainable fuels and how we get there. I believe the results from that paper will be released next year to inform us on how we can take up these great opportunities in the biofuels area.