




Speech By
Hon. Mark Ryan

MEMBER FOR MORAYFIELD

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CHILD PROTECTION (OFFENDER REPORTING AND OFFENDER PROHIBITION ORDER) AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services) (12.11 pm): I oppose the amendment to the motion and associate myself with the comments of the Leader of the House. I firstly want to acknowledge in the gallery the magnificent ladies from BPW. It is great to have them here. Well done and welcome to the parliament.

In opposing the amendment I draw members' attention to the fact that a number of these amendments are quite technical in nature and were requested directly and urgently by the relevant agencies. For instance, the amendment around media access control addresses specifically relates to the amendment bill. It addresses an amendment in the amendment bill, and for the reasons outlined yesterday in my second reading speech the Queensland Police Service has asked for that to be removed. I cannot see how there is any controversy at all about acting on that.

With respect to controlled operations, these are critical processes and investigations which the Queensland Police Service undertakes, often via Task Force Argos and other experienced police officers. The Controlled Operations Committee has asked for this urgently to ensure that children and the community are kept safe. How could anyone ever argue that is not something that needs to be dealt with urgently?

How could those opposite ever say that the amendment validating and clarifying the service processes the Queensland Police Service can use with respect to police banning notices to keep people in safe night precincts safe is controversial? It was requested by the Queensland Police Service.

In relation to validating police discipline referrals, this was requested by the Queensland Police Service and relates to a Court of Appeal decision. It is to ensure that disciplinary matters are appropriately dealt with in a way that ensures not only the reputation of the Queensland Police Service but also those people who have been found to have done the wrong thing but as a result of technical error have avoided the consequence of being found to have done that wrong thing.

The issue relating to the Inspector of Detention Services is again a technical matter that addresses essentially a drafting error. How could anyone ever say that is controversial?

In terms of validating the appointment process under the Mental Health Act, which is an urgent matter, how could those opposite ever say that is controversial? With respect to a Supreme Court of Queensland regulation validating a particular matter, how could anyone ever say that is controversial?

With respect to the amendments associated with saving Glenden, that is an urgent matter. How could anyone ever say it is not a matter that should not be considered urgently by this parliament to give certainty to that community?

With respect to public intoxication and begging, those matters have been the subject of a parliamentary inquiry. In fact, the report came back to this House. There were multiple opportunities for members of this House to contribute to the debate on the report about this very matter. How could

anyone say this particular matter has not been considered by members of this House before when, quite clearly, it has? It was the subject of an inquiry, a report and a debate in this House. Public urination is a matter that was considered by the committee in its report. Sex work and specific covert powers are matters that were scrutinised by the QLRC over a prolonged period and have been in the public domain for an extended period.

The amendments before the House are not only, in respect of some of the amendments, technical matters but in respect of other amendments they are urgent matters, and in respect of other matters they have already been the subject of consideration by members of this House and members of the community. It is quite clear that there is justification for the government bringing these amendments in the way that it has. I would encourage all members to oppose the amendment to the motion that has been moved by those opposite. I move—

That the question now be put.