



Speech By
Hon. Yvette D'Ath

MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE

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MOTION

Business Program



Hon. YM D'ATH (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (11.20 am): I move—

1. That the following business will be considered this sitting week, with the nominated maximum periods of time as specified:
 - (a) the Body Corporate and Community Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, to complete all stages by 12.55 pm on Thursday, 16 November 2023;
 - (b) the Local Government (Councillor Conduct) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, to complete all stages by 12.55 pm on Thursday, 16 November 2023.
2. The following time limits for the bills listed in 1. apply:
 - (a) the minister to be called on in reply:
 - (i) for the Local Government (Councillor Conduct) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, by 11.55 am on Thursday, 16 November 2023.
3. If all stages of the bills listed in 1. have not been completed by the specified times in 2. respectively, Mr Speaker:
 - (a) shall call on a minister to table any explanatory notes to their circulated amendments, any statement of compatibility with human rights or any statement relating to an override declaration,
 - (b) shall put all remaining questions necessary to either pass that stage or pass the bill without further debate,
 - (c) may interrupt non-specified business or debate on a bill or motion to complete the requirements of the motion,
 - (d) will complete all stages required by this motion notwithstanding anything contained in standing and sessional orders.

I am sure everyone is excited that we are in the penultimate sitting week for 2023. While we are heading into the Christmas period, it does not mean that this parliament or the Palaszczuk government will be slowing down. As members will see from the business program motion circulated in my name, the motion prescribes two bills for debate: the Body Corporate and Community Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill and the Local Government (Councillor Conduct) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill.

Last sitting week we commenced debate on the body corporate legislation, with over two hours of debate already occurring. I know that there are a few more members who wish to make a contribution to this debate, and I look forward to the consideration in detail as the opposition have indicated their opposition to some of those provisions. Once that bill is completed, the House will commence debate on the local government bill, which, if it has not already, will conclude by lunchtime on Thursday. This is to allow other legislation to commence debate this week to ensure this House continues to scrutinise the bills that matter to Queensland. In addition, this week we will undertake a motion of condolence for the late Tom Barton. This will occur on Thursday.

As I said earlier, I want to thank the Manager of Opposition Business for agreeing to a number of pairs this week due to illness. Although we all understand our obligations to attend parliament and represent our electorates, it is equally important that those who are unwell stay away, to ensure we do not all get sick. It is lesson that we learned through COVID, and I am pleased that we continue that practice in the workforce right across Queensland and Australia. With those few remarks, I commend the motion to the House and hope that the opposition will be supporting it.