



Speech By  
**Melissa McMahon**

**MEMBER FOR MACALISTER**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Auslan**



**Mrs McMAHON** (Macalister—ALP) (2.03 pm): Deputy Speaker—

*The member for Macalister signed using Auslan, Australian sign language.*

Later this month, starting 23 September, is International Week of Deaf People. I would like to acknowledge the Speaker's advocacy in the deaf community with this House hosting Queensland's first deaf youth parliament. Anything that encourages the deaf community to connect with this House is a good thing. The theme for deaf week this year is 'sign up for sign language rights'. Auslan is our national sign language and I encourage members to promote Auslan at public events. I challenge members to use Auslan during International Week of Deaf People. Introduce yourself. Make it common for people to engage with those who use Auslan. I would like to thank the Auslan community for their patience with my speech and I would like to thank the House for its patience with my speech. Quiet is a wonderful thing.