



Speech By  
**Dr Christian Rowan**

**MEMBER FOR MOGGILL**

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**MOTION**

**Order of Business; Bills, Declared Urgent and Allocation of Time Limit Order**



**Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (Leader of the House) (3.47 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—

1. That for today's sitting, notwithstanding anything contained in standing and sessional orders, the House will continue to sit past 9.30 pm to consider government business until the adjournment is moved by the Leader of the House at 11.30 pm, to be followed by a 30-minute adjournment debate.
2. That, under the provisions of standing order 137:
  - (a) the Domestic and Family Violence Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill be declared an urgent bill, with the minister called to reply to the bill by 5.00 pm on Thursday, 28 August 2025 and all remaining stages of the bill to be completed by 5.55 pm on Thursday, 28 August 2025;
  - (b) the Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill be declared an urgent bill, with the minister called to reply to the bill by 8.40 pm on Thursday, 28 August 2025 and all remaining stages of the bill to be completed by 9.00 pm on Thursday, 28 August 2025.
3. That, if all stages have not been completed by the time specified in 2., Mr Speaker shall put all remaining questions necessary to complete consideration of the bill, including clauses and schedules en bloc and any amendments to be moved by the minister in charge of the bill, without further amendment or debate.

In addressing this motion, we know that the debate on the estimates committee hearing reports takes significant hours in the House. It is an important and healthy part of our parliamentary democracy and is absolutely essential. We had a very important estimates process with significant reforms that were implemented by the Liberal National Party state government, but it also means that if we are to continue to progress important legislation on behalf of Queenslanders then sensible adjustments to the sitting program can and should be made.

The Crisafulli LNP state government intends to debate and pass both the Domestic and Family Violence Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill and the Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill this week. As such, this proposed motion is allocating reasonable additional sitting hours for today to allow further time in relation to the debate on the Domestic and Family Violence Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill. As I said, this is important legislation.

The government wants to ensure that additional time is allocated to allow members to contribute to the debate on what is a significant public policy issue. As a government, we also want to ensure that in sitting weeks we are utilising the efficiency of our sitting days to maximise the opportunities for the parliamentary work that is undertaken here. By extending the hours tonight, we are certainly giving this House more time to deliberate on the business that matters to Queenslanders. We know they are significant issues. They have been very topical and more needs to be done when it comes to domestic and family violence here in Queensland. That is why this week we will be passing that legislation and also, as I said, giving additional time to members to debate the legislation.

The Crisafulli LNP state government already has a strong record of delivering significant legislative outcomes, which have been achieved through calm, considered, methodical and fulsome debates. That is the standard we have set and we will continue to set. As such, I commend this motion to the House.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.