



Speech By
Dr Christian Rowan

MEMBER FOR MOGGILL

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**PENALTIES AND SENTENCES (SEXUAL OFFENCES) AND OTHER
LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2)

Declared Urgent; Allocation of Time Limit Order



Dr ROWAN (Moggill—LNP) (Leader of the House) (11.17 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

1. That, under the provisions of standing order 137:
 - (a) the Penalties and Sentences (Sexual Offences) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill be declared an urgent bill, with the minister called to reply to the bill by 8.00 pm on Wednesday, 17 September 2025 and all remaining stages of the bill to be completed by 9.00 pm on Wednesday, 17 September 2025;
 - (b) the Health Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) be declared an urgent bill, with the minister called to reply to the bill by 8.00 pm on Thursday, 18 September 2025 and all remaining stages of the bill to be completed by 9.00 pm on Thursday, 18 September 2025.
2. If all stages have not been completed by the time specified in 1., 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 briefly addressing this motion, I would like to respectfully make the following points: this motion is about ensuring the orderly and efficient management of business before the House this week and it relates to two significant pieces of legislation. The first is the Penalties and Sentences (Sexual Offences) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 which delivers important reforms, and these reforms are critical to strengthening community safety and ensuring justice for victims. The second is the Health Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2025.

Both bills are substantial and important, and members will have the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the debate on each of them. The Crisafulli Liberal National Party state government is committed to ensuring the business of parliament continues to be managed in a way that is calm, methodical and orderly. This motion provides a clear structure for the week, giving certainty to all members about the time available. In doing so, it allows the House to progress not only this work but other work that needs to be debated throughout the week, as well as committee reports and other elements. It is important for the efficient and respectful manner in which we conduct business in the House.

Queenslanders rightly expect their parliament to operate efficiently and not to be impacted by unnecessary delay or disorder. The House has a duty to ensure its work is carried out responsibly and efficiently. This is a calm, responsible and methodical approach to managing this week's business and, as such, I commend the motion to the House.