



Speech By
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MEMBER FOR GREENSLOPES

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HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2)

Second Reading

Resumed from p. 2894, on motion of Mr Nicholls—

That the bill be now read a second time.

Mr J KELLY (Greenslopes—ALP) (4.07 pm): Well, transparency and accountability are dead in the Queensland parliament. Here is the motion that they were so afraid of seeing in this House—the motion to bring pill-testing amendments into this House. I will also table another document here, another article that says these amendments are coming in.

Tabled paper: Article from the *Courier-Mail*, dated 18 September 2025, titled 'State government to introduce laws making pill testing illegal' [1282](#).

Perhaps the mother of a young man, Josh Tam, who died as a result of—

Mr NICHOLLS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order on relevance. It is the same point of order I have made previously to previous Deputy Speakers in relation to relevance to the matter and the bill before the House.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Furner): Member for Greenslopes, I ask you to expand on the aspect of the bill before the House at present.

Mr J KELLY: As we know, this bill is about five very important provisions which the committee had the opportunity to consider in great detail, unlike the amendments that the government is intending to bring into this House, according to this article, whereby the mother said, 'Please, for the sake of the lives of our loved ones, step aside and allow the experts to lead the way'—

Dr ROWAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order on relevance, as the previous point of order with respect to relevance, and I ask you to consider that matter in the light of your previous ruling and directions to the member for Greenslopes and the additional matters he is now addressing.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Greenslopes, I will bring you back to the relevance of the bill before the House.

Mr J KELLY: As the mother said, 'Please, for the sake of the lives of our loved ones, step aside and allow the experts to lead the way in keeping our loved ones safe.' She also said, 'I understand they made a stance, but they also said no new stadiums.'

Mr NICHOLLS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Mr J KELLY: If a mother can work this out, why can't the LNP work this out?

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Greenslopes, take your seat, thank you. Member, what is your point of order?

Mr NICHOLLS: My point of order again goes to relevance. This bill does not deal in any way, shape or form with the matters currently being promoted by the member for Greenslopes, and that he continues to promote, despite your prior two directions to the member for Greenslopes to be relevant

to the bill. There is no mention of the matter that is being raised and debated by the member for Greenslopes in the bill, in neither the long title, the substance of the bill nor the committee report. I would ask you to bring the member back to the substance of the bill and to refrain from discussing matters that are not the subject matter of the bill.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Greenslopes, I would like you to bring yourself back to the aspect of the bill before the House. I want you to explain the context of your contribution in terms of relevance to the bill before the House.

Mr J KELLY: As I explained earlier and I will now explain again—this time with a second article, clearly leaked from the government or the Public Service—they intend to bring amendments to this House and I intend—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Greenslopes, you are not being relevant to the bill. I am going to warn you.

Mr J KELLY: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. The LNP government love to make big and bold statements. Remember the one about putting doctors and nurses in charge of the health system, except when they give advice they do not like—advice like pill testing is safe, pill testing saves lives—

Dr ROWAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order on relevance, again, with respect to the matters that are before the House and the content of not only the bill but also the committee report. I would submit to you that you have made a number of rulings, you have warned the member for Greenslopes and now his conduct is disorderly. I ask that you consider that matter and your options.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Greenslopes, there is no reference in the bill before the House to pill testing. That, as we know, is a matter that has been ventilated through the media. I would bring you back to the contents of the bill before the House.

Mr J KELLY: Thank you, Deputy Speaker. The last point in this bill goes to radiation safety. Again, the LNP said that they would keep Queenslanders safe. When they refuse to allow us to look at amendments that will have a direct impact on safety, I believe that is relevant to this bill.

Mr NICHOLLS: Mr Deputy Speaker, on relevance—

Mr J KELLY: They abuse the processes of this parliament.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Greenslopes, take your seat. I have a point of order.

Mr NICHOLLS: Mr Deputy Speaker, I again rise to a point of order on relevance. There is a direct refusal to accept the guidance that you are giving in relation to relevance. I would say that is a reflection on the chair in relation to that guidance. You have been extraordinarily patient, and I appreciate your extraordinary patience with respect to the matter, but the member continues to try and circumvent your rulings.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Greenslopes, I have a point of order on relevance. This is your last opportunity. I bring you back to the content of the bill before the House, excluding any reference to pill testing.

Mr J KELLY: The bill also talks about the appointment of an acting mental health commissioner. Certainly an acting mental health commissioner, or even a mental health commissioner, would be deeply concerned about mental health issues and addiction issues. Of course, one of the good things you can do in the area of addiction is harm minimisation work. If you had something like a pill-testing regime, the mental health commissioner would clearly have jurisdiction over this.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Greenslopes, take your seat.

Mr NICHOLLS: Mr Deputy Speaker, you have provided I think five instances of guidance now, including the last one, which was the last guidance.

Ms Dooley interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Redcliffe, you can resume your seat, thank you. I am taking a point of order.

Mr NICHOLLS: You have given at least five chances now to the member for Greenslopes to be relevant to the bill, including the last one which you said was the member for Greenslopes' last chance to come back to the bill. He has again directly refuted your direction in that regard with respect to relevance. At this stage, you may wish to consider that it is a reflection on the chair and that the member be no longer heard.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Greenslopes, I find myself with no choice other than to have you remove yourself from the chamber for one hour.

Whereupon the honourable member for Greenslopes withdrew from the chamber at 4.14 pm.