



Speech By
Dr Christian Rowan

MEMBER FOR MOGGILL

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**FIGHTING ANTISEMITISM AND KEEPING GUNS OUT OF THE HANDS OF
TERRORISTS AND CRIMINALS AMENDMENT BILL**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (EMPOWERING COUNCILS) AND OTHER
LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

Declared Urgent; Allocation of Time Limit Order



Dr ROWAN (Moggill—LNP) (Leader of the House) (11.12 am), by leave, without notice: I move—

1. That, under the provisions of standing order 137:
 - (a) the Fighting Antisemitism and Keeping Guns out of the Hands of Terrorists and Criminals Amendment Bill be declared an urgent bill, with the minister called to reply to the bill by 4.30 pm on Thursday, 5 March 2026 and all remaining stages of the bill to be completed by 5.00 pm on Thursday, 5 March 2026; and
 - (b) the Local Government (Empowering Councils) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill be declared an urgent bill, with the minister called to reply to the bill by 8.30 pm on Thursday, 5 March 2026—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: I will hear the motion in silence.

Dr ROWAN:—and all remaining stages of the bill to be completed by 9.00 pm on Thursday, 5 March 2026;

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 bills, including clauses and schedules en bloc and any amendments to be moved by the ministers in charge of the bills, without further amendment or debate.

In briefly addressing this motion, this is a procedural motion which provides for the orderly management of the business in the House today, including arrangements for concluding debate on the important legislative issue of anti-Semitism. We also need to ensure the passage of the Local Government (Empowering Councils) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill. Both pieces of legislation are significant and reflect important commitments that were given to Queenslanders by this government.

This week there has been a fulsome and important debate on the Fighting Antisemitism and Keeping Guns out of the Hands of Terrorists and Criminals Amendment Bill, and that debate will continue throughout today. The Local Government (Empowering Councils) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill will also progress important reforms to local government councils across Queensland. This legislation will empower councils and mayors, remove unnecessary red tape and address a range of practical matters affecting the operation of councils across the state, and it has to be remembered that these are important reforms that have been called for.

Providing a structured framework for debate on these bills ensures that members are aware of the arrangements for the final sitting day of this first sitting week in March 2026. Members of parliament will have an opportunity to contribute and the Queensland parliament will be able to manage legislative decisions in a timely and responsible manner. I have to point out that I note statements made previously by the Manager of Opposition Business in the House that the Labor opposition does not object to provisions that facilitate the orderly conduct of the House. Indeed, the Manager of Opposition Business has stated that Labor supports the concept of the orderly management of this parliament and, on that basis, I look forward to the Labor opposition's support for this motion today.

The Crisafulli Liberal National Party state government is continuing to ensure that the Queensland parliament functions with clarity, discipline and a strong focus on delivery with respect to the passage of legislation. The Crisafulli government is setting out the program for today clearly, providing certainty to members and ensuring the legislation progresses in a structured and orderly fashion. Once again, this motion strikes the right balance. It allows for meaningful debate while ensuring the parliament can progress its responsibilities and deliver outcomes for all Queenslanders. What is being undertaken today is very similar to what was undertaken on numerous occasions by those opposite when they were in government.

This is a procedural motion. It gives people certainty. It gives all members certainty with respect to what is going to be occurring throughout this sitting day. It is very important that we pass these two pieces of legislation which are important for people across Queensland. This week we have seen many aspects in relation to important public policy matters, particularly with respect to anti-Semitism, and I know those opposite do not have their hearts in it when it comes to addressing those significant issues which have faced communities right across Queensland. It is important that we—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Krause): Leader of the House, I just remind you to talk to the procedural motion, not the substance of the bill that is before the House.

Dr ROWAN: I am, Mr Deputy Speaker, so this motion strikes the right balance and—

Ms Boyd interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Pine Rivers, you are warned.

Dr ROWAN: This motion strikes the right balance when it comes to the order of the business today, ensuring the passage of two important bills that need to be passed today. As such, I commend this motion to the House.