




Speech By  
**Hon. Jeff Seeney**

**MEMBER FOR CALLIDE**

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**SUSTAINABLE PLANNING (INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES) AND OTHER  
LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Hon. JW SEENEY** (Callide—LNP) (Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning) (5.16 pm): The shadow minister has moved an amendment during his contribution to the second reading debate. It is an amendment that the government will not accept. It is an amendment which the shadow minister knows is quite absurd. He suggests that a portion of the bill should be referred to another committee based on the fact that it is part of an omnibus bill. For members who were not here in the previous parliament, this would cause gales of laughter from the previous government. I remember some classic examples with the previous government where their favourite tactic was to put something that they knew we wanted to vote against in a bill with something they knew we wanted to support. They did it over and over and over again as a very deliberate strategy.

This, of course, is nothing like that. This is because of a timing issue. It is to put into effect an agreement that has been reached between the state and federal governments in relation to the bilateral assessment. That is why the particular part of the bill has been included. Equally, I would point out to the shadow minister that, had the committee had a problem with that, it has an ability under the standing orders to refer a portion of the bill to another committee. The committee could have done that had they wanted to. The fact that the agreement has been reached with the Commonwealth is the reason this has been included.

The comments that the shadow minister made about omnibus bills were obviously written by one of the advisers out the back there who has no idea how this parliament operated under a Labor government and are simply ludicrous. Therefore, I move—

That the question be now put.