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**CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (POSSESSION OF PRESCRIBED EQUIPMENT)
AMENDMENT BILL**

The Hon. A. BRESSINGTON (11:03): I rise to indicate my support for this bill. However, I am a little confused: we have now been waiting for almost two years for a hydroponics bill from the government that was to be bigger and better than anything we have seen before, yet on reading the bill I was concerned that it really does not go far enough. There is more to dealing with the hydroponics problem than simply banning a few pieces of equipment—although that is a start, I give it that. In my opinion there are other things that need to be taken into consideration when trying to deal with this problem, but I also recall that the Hon. Paul Holloway said, in his explanation, that this is the first of a series of bills to deal with this. I will be interested to see exactly what approach will be taken with that.

Looking at the bill, I am considering whether some amendments could be made regarding some of the equipment mentioned; however, I am happy that the government has made a move to finally deliver on at least something to do with hydroponics. I must say that I am a little disappointed in what is contained in the bill, but I will wait until, hopefully, some time next year for the other pieces of legislation that are supposed to fit with this.