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FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS (PARENTAGE) AMENDMENT BILL

The Hon. A. BRESSINGTON (23:36):

I rise to indicate that I will be supporting this bill for many of the reasons that the Hon. Stephen Wade gave in his contribution. Also, I cannot comprehend the attitude that children are better off with a mum and a dad than they are with two same-sex parents. We heterosexuals, and I have said this before, do not have a great track record as far as getting married, staying together and raising children in a functional way.

We have a high rate of divorce. Our children get in the same sorts of predicaments that same-sex couples' children get into because they are just children, they are kids, and that is what happens. I think that the point the Hon. Stephen Wade made about this bill needing to be in the best interests of the child is paramount. In saying that, I lend my support to the bill.