

## Second Reading

**Reverend the Hon. FRED NILE** [4.57 p.m.]: I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

The Smoke-free Environment Amendment (Motor Vehicle Prohibition) Bill 2008 is an important bill. When it was before the House on a previous occasion it was referred to a joint select committee. I believe the climate is now right for this legislation to be dealt with and passed by this House. The object of the bill is to amend the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000—the principal Act—to prohibit smoking in motor vehicles. It introduces a maximum penalty of five units or \$550 for such an offence. It is a simple bill, comprising just three clauses. Clause 1 sets out the name; clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent; and clause 3 gives effect to the amendments to the principal Act set out in schedule 1.

When I said that the climate was right I was referring to actions taken by the State Government, particularly by the Hon. Verity Firth, the Minister for Women and particularly in her role as the Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer). She has just released background information on a public consultation process and discussion paper dealing with the harmful impact of tobacco products and about future possible measures to protect children from tobacco harm. She stated that the discussion paper would cover a number of very important areas, in fact some that I have raised in other bills. It also includes banning smoking in cars in which a child is present, banning tobacco sales from vending machines, allowing only a single point of sale for tobacco in retail outlets, introducing of age restrictions for retailers of tobacco, and even raising the display of tobacco products in shopping centres, supermarkets and so on. I commend the Minister for her action.