

### Agreement in Principle

**Ms JODI McKAY** (Newcastle—Minister for Tourism, Minister for the Hunter, Minister for Science and Medical Research, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer)) [4.30 p.m.], on behalf of Ms Verity Firth: I move:

That this bill be now agreed to in principle.

The Motor Sports (World Rally Championship) Bill 2009 was introduced in the other place on 17 June 2009, and is in substantially the same form. The second reading speech appears at pages 36 to 38 in the *Hansard* galley for that day. The only change the Legislative Council made to the bill was to provide for a review at the end of the declared rally period in 2009. The Motor Sports (World Rally Championship) Bill 2009 will facilitate the staging of the World Rally Championship in the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales.

The World Rally Championship is the highest-profile motor sport championship after Formula One. In 2007 around 816 million people from 180 countries around the world watched the World Rally Championship, attracting approximately 51 million viewers for each round. The World Rally Championship, which will be held from 3 to 6 September, presents New South Wales with an unprecedented opportunity to showcase the Tweed-Kyogle region to a worldwide audience. I commend the bill to the House.