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FOOD (LABELLING OF FREE-RANGE EGGS) (NO. 2) AMENDMENT BILL

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (12:22): I rise to also support the member for Finniss' Food (Labelling Of Free-Range Eggs) No. 2 Amendment Bill. This is a bill that has come about with the support of the Hon. Tammy Franks in the upper house. I must say it is a rather unholy alliance between the Greens and the member for Finniss.

Mr Gardner: No holes in it.

Mr PEDERICK: No holes in it. Anyway—

Mr Pengilly: Strange bedfellows.

Mr PEDERICK: Strange bedfellows, the member for Finniss said. I absolutely support this. We have had many meetings with the egg corporation. I have visited various egg farms in the state. About 12 months ago, with the member for Finniss, I visited both Graham and Kathy Barrett from Katham Springs on Kangaroo Island, and Tom and Fiona Fryar on Kangaroo Island. Tom and Fiona are a couple who met in a shearing shed. Tom was a shearer and Fiona was a roustabout, I believe. I have a lot of respect for a bloke who, as I did for a while, pushes the handpiece shearing. They have worked extremely hard to build a very successful business with, I think, 50,000 hens, free range, on the island, which gives a great opportunity to have free-range chickens.

I just want to reiterate what we on this side of the house are on about in supporting the member for Finniss, and that is truth in labelling. As I have said here many times before, I do not mind eating caged eggs. I just think we need to have the absolute truth in labelling so that people are not just jumping on the bandwagon, and that is what would happen under the so-called voluntary code of conduct with the Labor Party.

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