

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY 7TH MAY 2015

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REMEMBRANCE DAY

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (12:57): I rise to make a few brief comments in support of this motion that recognises National Domestic Violence Remembrance Day and honours those who have died as well as the ones left behind due to domestic and family violence; and doing all we can to stop this blight on society.

There is no excuse for domestic violence—no excuse at all. The memo out to everyone is: walk away. I am on the Social Development Committee and I know the member for Reynell brought up this reference and we are currently looking at a reference on domestic violence. Sadly, too many cases of domestic violence are being brought before us from around the state. We have made some regional trips as well as having hearings here in Parliament House and there are far too many tragic stories. As a society, we must all work to end this blight and get rid of it once and for all. With those few words, I commend the motion of the member for Reynell.