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ADELAIDE WORKERS' HOMES BILL

The Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light—Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers) (16:43): Obtained leave and introduced a bill for an act to provide for the constitution of Adelaide Workers' Homes Incorporated. Read a first time.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light—Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers) (16:44): I move:

That this bill be now read a second time.

I introduce this bill in order that the Adelaide Workmen's Homes Incorporated (the association) has a legislated constitution and to clarify that the association may exercise the powers and functions to give effect to its purpose. This bill will enable the board to borrow money, acquire and dispose of real or personal property, to enter into joint ventures, and to receive donations and testamentary dispositions. The bill also provides that the association is taken to have always had the powers and functions set out in its constitution. The association takes the opportunity to rename the association Adelaide Workers' Homes to reflect the original intent to house workers of either sex and to keep abreast of contemporary linguistic practice.

The association has provided subsidised rental accommodation to lower income workers for over a century through two previous private acts of parliament known as the Adelaide Workmen's Homes Incorporated Act 1933 and Adelaide Workmen's Homes Incorporated Amendment Act 1966. The original deed of trust was established by the will of the late Sir Thomas Elder to provide workmen and women suitable dwellings at reasonable rental. The benefit to South Australia lies in strengthening a private provider of affordable housing for low income workers in the metropolitan area. I commend the bill to members and I seek leave to have the explanation of clauses inserted into *Hansard* without me reading it.

Leave granted.

Explanation of Clauses

1 — Short title

2 — Commencement

These clauses are formal.

3 — Interpretation

This clause inserts definitions for the purposes of the Bill.

4 — Name of Association

This clause relates to the change of name of the Association.

5 — Constitution of Association

This clause provides for the Constitution of the Association and its variation. It also contains a validation provision.

6 — Application of this Act

This clause relates to the application of the Act.

Schedule 1 — Constitution

Schedule 1 sets out the Constitution of the Association.

Debate adjourned on motion of Hon. I.F. Evans.