HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE OF MOTION

MEMBER FOR NEWCASTLE: I give notice that on the next day of sitting I shall move that this House:

(1) notes that

- (a) on 2 November 2023 Australia, with 186 other member states, again voted for the United Nations General Assembly resolution against the United States' longstanding economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba;
- (b) only two member states have voted consistently against the resolution since it was first introduced in 1992, demonstrating overwhelming international support for the end of the embargo; and
- (c) the embargo has unfairly hindered the development of the Cuban economy, created decades of economic hardship, has had a negative impact on the health and wellbeing of the Cuban people.
- (2) further notes that the embargo:
 - (a) constitutes a serious and systemic violation of the norms of international law and the Charter of the United Nations;
 - (b) is not conducive to friendly relations and cooperation between nations and peoples, and it directly affects the development of the Cuban economy and its people; and
 - (c) impedes the ability of Australian citizens to trade bilaterally.
- (3) recognises that sustained international pressure will be one of the most influential methods of ending this enduring and unfair embargo; and
- (4) reaffirms Australia's support for an end to the embargo.