

Mrs BROWNBILL (Geelong). - I warmly support the statements of the honorable member for Dandenong. We hear so much about the decline in the birth-rate, the need for more population, and the necessity for encouraging mothers that it is obvious that the action of the Railways Commissioners is not in the best interests of the community. Honorable members will agree that a mother's life is, to a very great extent, one of sacrifice, particularly while her children are young. If we were to allow the railway ban on perambulators to pass unchallenged, we should be doing an injustice to large numbers of mothers. Let us not forget that the children of to-day will be the citizens of to-morrow, and, shall I say, the power house of the future. Therefore, let us do all we can to encourage the mothers who are making a valuable contribution to the welfare not only of the State but of the Commonwealth by providing the best immigrants we can possibly have - Australian-born children.