

~~show the member for Clayfield is running that the member for Surfers Paradise sees joining Malcolm Turnbull's team as paradise. If he sees that show as a better show than the member for Clayfield is running then it says all we need to know about the kind of show the member for the Clayfield is running and the morale of those opposite.~~

~~The latest Deloitte Access Economics State Outlook is a big tick for the Treasurer and it is great news for Queensland. As we have heard earlier today, Queensland is setting the pace for growth with the Deloitte Access Economics report forecasting nation-leading growth in GSP of 3.8 per cent on average for Queensland to at least 2019. I congratulate the Treasurer on this fantastic result.~~

~~Of course we have had to suffer the predictable attacks and cherrypicking of statistics by those opposite, including by the member for Surfers Paradise. He has been talking nickels and dimes about ticket prices. We all remember his record as education minister when he sought to cut the extremely successful Fanfare program. It had a completely negligible impact on the bottom line.~~

~~I must admit that I do not often quote from the opposite side of politics with approval. I have to be honest, I cannot foresee a situation where I will quote the member for Surfers Paradise favourably. However, in my first speech in this place I did quote the late former prime minister Malcolm Fraser in his speech to the Institute of Multicultural Affairs on 30 November 1981. He said—~~

~~Multiculturalism is concerned with far more than the passive toleration of diversity; it sees diversity as a quality to be actively embraced, a source of social wealth and dynamism; it encourages groups to be open and to interact, so that all Australians may learn and benefit from each other's heritages. Multiculturalism is about diversity, not division—it is about interaction not isolation.~~

~~Those comments were 35 years ago. However, I would argue that they are just as relevant today, if not more so, than they were back in 1981.~~

~~We have seen the LNP member for Dawson say some appalling and hateful things in the federal parliament. I said earlier that I do not often quote from speeches from the opposite side of politics with approval, but I will quote briefly the member for McMillan, Russell Broadbent. He gave a speech last night where he said—~~

~~... as I sat waiting for the Speaker's call, my spirit of good humour evaporated as I listened to the member for Dawson deliver what amounted to a diatribe about the rise of Islam in this country. The member's speech was replete with generalisations. There were appeals to fear and prejudice that appalled me. My instinct was at the very least to dissociate myself at the first opportunity.~~

~~He went on to say—~~

~~The politics of fear and division have never created one job, never come up with a new invention, never started a new business, never given a child a new start in life and never lifted the spirits of a nation.~~

~~I commend those words to those opposite particularly. Queensland is a great multicultural success story. Queensland is home to more than 200 cultures, 220 languages and 100 religious beliefs. Our identity is characterised by this diversity. It is also a big economic strength.~~

~~The success of the Multicultural Awards, held by the Minister for Multicultural Affairs, was a showcase of the contribution Queensland makes to multiculturalism. It was wonderful to see the diverse range of cultures and religions coming together in harmony.~~

~~Last year I was very fortunate to participate in a research internship program. I had a parliamentary intern who did a paper on multiculturalism in Queensland and stressed that we need to move beyond the division that some seek to foster and embrace our multiculturalism in Queensland. Her report focused on my electorate. I table a copy of that report for the benefit of the House.~~

~~*Tabled paper:* Document, dated 2015, by Emily Hansell, titled 'Parliamentary Research Project—Enhancing Multiculturalism in Australia: Moving beyond resentment and towards embracing Australia's cultural reality'.~~

~~My electorate also has the highest proportion of Queenslanders identifying Islam as their religion. The divisive and hateful remarks by the member for Dawson have a direct impact on my community. We have already seen the member for the Buderim receive endorsement from Senator Hanson. I am really hopeful that none of those opposite will be seeking her endorsement.~~

~~(Time expired)~~

~~**Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The time for matters of public importance is over.~~

STRONG AND SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE COMMUNITIES BILL

Introduction



Hon. AJ LYNHAM (Stafford—ALP) (Minister for State Development and Minister for Natural Resources and Mines) (12.34 pm): I present a bill for an act to provide for matters that will benefit residents of communities in the vicinity of large resource projects during their operation, and to amend this act, the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 and the Mineral Resources Act 1989 for particular purposes. I table the bill and the explanatory notes. I nominate the Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee to consider the bill.\

Tabled paper: Strong and Sustainable Resource Communities Bill 2016.

Tabled paper: Strong and Sustainable Resource Communities Bill 2016, explanatory notes.

I am pleased to introduce the Strong and Sustainable Resource Communities Bill 2016. At the outset, I acknowledge the strong contribution of the member for Mirani whose community will be affected significantly by this bill. I acknowledge him as a very strong local member, standing up for his constituents. This bill shows that a back bench member who makes strong representations can change the state for the better.

This bill responds to the 2015 parliamentary committee inquiry and review panel into fly-in fly-out, or FIFO, workers and delivers on a key Queensland government election commitment. This commitment is to ensure regional communities in Queensland in the vicinity of large resource projects benefit from the operation of these projects.

The bill introduces 'location' as grounds for discrimination and prohibits the future use of 100 per cent FIFO arrangements for operational workers on large projects near regional communities. The new legislation will also prescribe an enhanced social impact assessment process for resource projects undertaking an environmental impact statement. The bill will also ensure that assessment and approval processes for social impacts of resource projects are the same under both the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971 and the Environmental Protection Act 1994. The bill will prohibit discrimination against local residents in regional communities for large resource projects.

The anti-discrimination provisions in the bill will be delivered through amendments to the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991. In the recruitment of workers for a large resource project, it will become an offence to advertise positions in a way that prohibits residents from nearby regional communities from applying. It is only right that local workers get an opportunity to be considered for these jobs and are not discriminated against because they are local residents. They should be allowed to live in the local community if they so choose.

To minimise any unintended consequences, the grounds for discrimination apply only to those large resource projects that have been subject to an environmental impact statement assessment report since 30 June 2009 and to proposed projects going through an environmental impact statement process now or in the future. Banning 100 per cent FIFO workforces on future projects will mean that proponents will be required to employ people from nearby regional communities to work on projects, where possible, and help protect resource worker health and wellbeing.

The Coordinator-General's revised draft social impact assessment guideline is specifically referenced in the bill and will now be a mandatory requirement for large resource projects. It includes administrative and procedural changes to resource project assessment, monitoring and reporting processes. The social impact assessment guideline requires that each proponent demonstrate that it has considered workforce recruitment from the local community first and from the regional community or the relocation of workers into the region as a second preference. Areas within Queensland with high unemployment and socioeconomic disadvantage should be considered third followed by other areas within Queensland.

The bill will provide the Coordinator-General with a head of power to state approval conditions to manage potential social impacts for resource projects in the environmental impact statement evaluation report under the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971 or the Environmental Protection Act 1994. This will enable a more comprehensive and consistent approach to the management of social impacts of resource projects across regions. The social impact assessment process will also further encourage resource companies to provide local businesses with access to project supply chains and maximise opportunities to build resource communities that attract and retain workers and, most importantly, their families.

020 The Office of the Coordinator-General consulted with stakeholders on the strong and sustainable resource communities framework in June and July 2016. This consultation was conducted on the draft strong and sustainable resource communities policy document, the draft social impact assessment guideline and a summary of the proposed bill. An exposure draft of the bill was subsequently released for stakeholder comment from mid-August to early September 2016.

I table for the benefit of the House the draft strong and sustainable resource communities policy and the Coordinator-General's enhanced draft social impact assessment guideline that would become a statutory instrument. These documents have been revised following consultation. These documents further support the government's comprehensive and integrated approach to managing FIFO workforce arrangements.

Tabled paper: Document, undated, titled 'Strong and sustainable resource communities (SSRC)—Draft policy framework'.

Tabled paper: The Coordinator-General: Draft Social impact assessment guideline, October 2016.

The bill also amends the Mineral Resources Act 1989 to prohibit underground coal gasification, or UCG, and in situ oil shale gasification activities. In 2009, the Queensland government established a process for three companies to undertake limited UCG trials to establish the commercial and environmental viability of this potential industry. The government was always going to consider whether this technology was appropriate for Queensland after the completion of the trial process.

As a part of this process, an independent scientific panel produced a report on the UCG trial. While the panel remained open to the possibility that the UCG concept is feasible, it also found that sufficient scientific and technical information was not yet available to reach a final conclusion, particularly in relation to potential commercial scale UCG projects. This uncertainty, along with the issues associated with the trial projects to date, has led the government to the decision that the potential issues of allowing projects to grow to commercial scale are simply not acceptable.

On 18 April 2016, the Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef and I announced the government's decision to ban all UCG activity in Queensland. The prohibition of UCG activities also means that in situ oil shale gasification activities will be prohibited. Activities relating to environmental rehabilitation and the decommissioning and removal of plant and equipment will still need to be actively carried out where UCG activities have been conducted. The environmental rehabilitation will be monitored by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection.

This bill delivers on the commitments made the government, commitments made in the best interests of our vital regional communities. The commitments are a demonstration of this government's will to deliver economic development opportunities in a way that is balanced against critical social and environmental considerations. I commend the bill to the House.

First Reading

Hon. AJ LYNHAM (Stafford—ALP) (Minister for State Development and Minister for Natural Resources and Mines) (12.42 pm): I move—

That the bill be now read a first time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.

Motion agreed to.


Bill read a first time.

Referral to the Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Farmer): In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee.

~~TRANSPORT OPERATIONS (ROAD USE MANAGEMENT) (OFFENSIVE ADVERTISING) AMENDMENT BILL~~

~~Introduction~~

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply) (12.42 pm): I present a bill for an act to amend the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995 for particular purposes. I table the bill and the explanatory notes. I nominate the Transportation and Utilities Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper: Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016.

Tabled paper: Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016, explanatory notes.

I am pleased to introduce the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2016 to the Queensland parliament. The aim of this bill is to ensure that