



Speech by
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NATURAL SCIENCES PRECINCT

Mr BEANLAND (Indooroopilly—LP) (10.21 a.m.): This Government says that it is listening to the people. I look forward to seeing this Government listening to the people in relation to the natural sciences precinct at Meiers Road, Long Pocket, Indooroopilly—a project strenuously opposed by local residents. This site is owned by the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Primary Industries and CSIRO. Those three entities own various parts of the site.

However, the proposal is being driven by the State because the State set up the working party and is chairing the working party. The State is preparing the master plan. Local residents are angered and concerned because of the small size of the lot in regard to future growth and future development. They are concerned because the site is not sufficiently large enough to allow for future growth of a natural sciences precinct. A much larger area is required for long-term growth.

The site has generated traffic problems which are impossible to resolve with regard to the flow of traffic. The Ministers concerned are aware of these problems because I accompanied a deputation of local residents to see Ministers Welford and Palaszczuk. The Ministers are aware of the concerns of local residents. I call on the Government to put a stop to the master plan. I look forward to a more suitable site being found for this development.

There is one other matter I want to touch on, and that concerns the statement the Treasurer made a few moments ago. First of all, this is a private members' period and is not a period for Ministers. Secondly, I want to say—

Mr HAMILL: I rise to a point of order. The Leader of Opposition Business in the House is seeking to deny members of the Parliament their right to raise issues at this time. I believe that all members of the House are private members of the House. Some have executive office in Government and some have executive positions in the Opposition. All members are entitled to have their say.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! Time has expired. I call the member for Mount Ommaney.

Mr BEANLAND: I want to say that these statements are a key element in providing—

Mr SPEAKER: Order!

Mr BEANLAND: Their commissioning was a major commitment for Queensland—

Mr SPEAKER: Order! Time has expired.

Mr BEANLAND: The Treasurer has his opportunity to make a statement by way of a ministerial statement—

Mr SPEAKER: Order! I warn the member for Indooroopilly.
