



Speech by
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Mr SULLIVAN (ChermSIDE—ALP) (7.25 p.m.): The rapidly growing south-east corner of Queensland requires good town planning. However, such planning can be difficult, because the benefits are reaped in the long term.

In 1991, under Premier Goss and Minister Tom Burns, a conference was held, and in 1992, under Minister Terry Mackenroth, the SEQ 2001 regime was put into place. This involved 21 councils from Coolangatta to Noosa and out to Toowoomba. Now almost all of the councils within that region are using the planning regimes of SEQ 2001 in their own town planning.

Mr Mackenroth: All of them are.

Mr SULLIVAN: Sorry, all of them are.

In my local area, we see the development of Westfield Shoppingtown as one example of this good planning. Forty years ago the then ChermSIDE Drive-in Shopping Centre was Australia's first shopping centre of that sort. But as a result of growth in the area and as a result of the good planning under SEQ 2001, we saw the Brisbane City Council develop a plan for the ChermSIDE regional centre. Its development control plan took almost two years to bring about and involved a great deal of consultation with the local community. It was good planning and had great community input, and that has led to the \$200m redevelopment at the corner of Gympie and Hamilton Roads in ChermSIDE, the first stage of which was opened just two weeks ago.

In addition, we now have a significant bus interchange, which is giving impetus to the greater use of public transport, and local businesses are also at the stage at which they will be able to come in on the tail of the large development at Westfield to help regrow the business along the ChermSIDE strip. I thank the Ministers from both sides of the House who have put in place the good planning that was needed. We are starting to reap the benefits.
