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INTEGRATED PLANNING AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Mrs CARRYN SULLIVAN (Pumicestone—ALP) (2.40 p.m.): I am delighted to speak in support of several of the consequential and related amendments to other legislation contained in this bill today. As further development approvals are rolled out in the integrated development assessment system—or IDAS as I will refer to it throughout my speech—the IPA affects an ever widening range of other legislation. Consequently, keeping Queensland's planning and development assessment framework operating efficiently requires the continuing monitoring and review of a range of related legislation. This bill contains several amendments to other legislation that are critical to the continued efficient operation of IDAS. For example, the bill contains amendments to the IPA and key coastal protection and management legislation to facilitate a greater role for local governments in assessing work in tidal areas and to clarify the relationship between the state government's and local government's interests in coastal management issues. Currently in the electorate of Pumicestone, which I represent, we are seeing an erosion study of the Banksia Beach and Sylvan Beach foreshores on Bribie Island with the EPA and the council in a collaborative partnership working together to find solutions to the erosion problems.

Ms Keech: You work very hard on environmental issues in your electorate.

Mrs CARRYN SULLIVAN: I thank the member for Albert for that. She will be pleased to know, like the other people from my electorate, that the final report on that matter will be out soon. These amendments will pave the way for an introduction to a consistent approach to the assessment of certain tidal works by local governments under this proposed code. Amendments to the Land Sales Act 1984 will remove terminology dating from the repealed Local Government (Planning and Environment) Act 1990 and clarify references in that act to particular approvals and plans referred to under IPA.

The bill also contains amendments to the Local Government Act 1993 to give local governments more time to integrate development approvals under particular local laws into IDAS. The amendments do not detract from the intention to ultimately integrate all development approvals into IDAS but recognise that integrating some approvals create particular challenges that need careful management. For example, the bill allows local governments extra time to integrate approvals for advertising devices under local laws into IDAS. This reflects issues that have emerged about the transition between renewable licensing arrangements under local government laws and a once-only development approval under IDAS as well as the treatment of temporary or minor advertising devices.

The bill also contains amendments to the Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002 which provide greater flexibility for small rural or regional local governments about the way they choose to assess plumbing and drainage work in remote areas.

Ms Keech: The flexibility is certainly welcomed.

Mrs CARRYN SULLIVAN: It is. I would have to agree with the member for Albert and I commend the minister for going that extra mile in looking at the rural and regional councils as well, because they differ tremendously in the type of work that they have to do in those areas. Finally, the bill contains amendments to both the Transport Infrastructure Act 1994 and the Local Government Act 1993 to deal more effectively with particular activities that may potentially damage state or local road networks. The amendments recognise that there are some activities with a disproportionate potential to damage roads, but because of their nature are very difficult to address under the planning and development assessment framework under IPA.

The amendments are designed to complement the infrastructure charging and cost impact recovery provisions of IPA in cases where these provisions cannot be used effectively to minimise damage to roads. The consequential and related amendments to other legislation in the Integrated Planning and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2003 are an essential component of the bill's contribution to the ongoing IPA reform agenda. I commend the minister and her staff on their inclusion of those amendments in this bill.