



Speech by

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**INTEGRATED PLANNING AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

**Mr BRISKEY** (Cleveland—ALP) (3.12 p.m.): I rise to speak in support of the Integrated Planning and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (IPOLA) 2003. Other honourable members have already spoken in detail about the bill and highlighted the amendments and their importance, so I will just take a few minutes of the House's time.

In my electorate of Cleveland development continues to flourish and infrastructure continues to grow rapidly. Why wouldn't it? We are on the doorstep of beautiful Moreton Bay. We have it all! I am sure many other honourable members are envious of my representing Cleveland because it is such a wonderful place to live. In fact, just today my local newspaper, the *Bayside Bulletin*, carries the front page headline 'Skyline to change—multistorey apartments ready to go'. I have been advised that multistorey apartment blocks are set to go up in and around the CBD ranging from five to seven stories and will be the tallest built in the area.

In every city and every town throughout Queensland there is development in this, the Smart State. The primary focus of the amendments in this bill are to move forward with initiatives from the IPOLA 2001 which are necessary for simple reasons of operation, which of course do not compromise local governments' current plan-making obligations. As the minister has already outlined, the infrastructure, planning and charging framework amendments have been progressed, providing better integration of councils' land use and infrastructure planning activities. When a date was set for the start of provisions under the new act, it became apparent that many local governments were not going to be able to make the 2003 scheme making deadline. I understand that the minister reluctantly extended the deadline to June 2004, thus necessitating a review of the provisions of the IPOLA, which had not already started. The minister has wisely undertaken this decision to avoid introducing legislative changes that could result in local governments diverting resources from the important task of scheme making in order to implement the changes.

These amendments, which have already been outlined, are wide reaching and varying in their scope. I take this opportunity to put on record my support for the minister and the changes outlined in this bill.