



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

South East Queensland Regional Plan

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier) (10.12 am): Earlier this month I tabled and also released for public consultation a copy of the South East Queensland Regional Plan Draft Amendment No. 1. This is the first major amendment to the South East Queensland Regional Plan, which my government released last year in partnership with the south-east Queensland councils. I seek leave to incorporate details in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

Although significant amendments to the South East Queensland Regional Plan will not be considered until its review in 2009-2010, some amendments were required to incorporate the Mt Lindesay/North Beaudesert Study Report.

This Study Report, also released on 2 March and tabled in the House, outlines a preferred development option for the Mt Lindesay/North Beaudesert area over the coming 50 to 60 years.

Modified to meet the 20 year planning horizon of the South East Queensland Regional Plan, the Study Report anticipates around 25,800 new dwellings in this area of South East Queensland, or 70,000 additional people, bringing the total population to around 107,000 people by 2026.

This is around 6,000 dwellings more than the notional numbers originally released in the South East Queensland Regional Plan.

The Queensland Government, through the Office of Urban Management, has worked hard over the past eight months to ensure the South East Queensland Regional Plan is the most workable document it can be.

We have reviewed the operation of the Plan and have made minor amendments to ensure it meets its objectives in the most practical way possible.

As a result, the Draft Amendment No. 1 will also make minor changes to the Regulatory Maps to reflect existing committed urban designations in local government planning schemes, and will amend the Regulatory Provisions to improve the workability of the South East Queensland Regional Plan.

I am pleased to report to the House that consultation on the Draft Amendment No. 1 is proceeding well, with many people already providing feedback on the document.

As the majority of the Draft Amendment No. 1 mainly affects the Mt Lindesay/North Beaudesert area, we recently held four community open houses in Jimboomba, Park Ridge, Chambers Flat and Flagstone.

Around 1,100 people attended these open houses, taking the opportunity to visit information stands, view maps and speak directly to planning staff.

I thank those people for taking the time to find out more about the planning for their area, and also the hundreds of other people across South East Queensland who have called the Office of Urban Management to talk through any concerns they have.

Mr Speaker, feedback on the Draft Amendment No. 1 closes on Thursday 13 April 2006.