



Speech by

**Hon. ANNA BLIGH**

**MEMBER FOR SOUTH BRISBANE**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Development Application, The Edge**

**Hon. AM BLIGH** (South Brisbane—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure) (9.54 am): I lay upon the table of the House a report prepared pursuant to section 3.6.9 of the Integrated Planning Act 1997 on a development application known as The Edge.

*Tabled paper:* Report by the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure pursuant to s3.6.9 of the Integrated Planning Act 1997 in relation to the call in of a development application for The Edge, and appendices.

In my role as infrastructure minister, I called in the development as a matter of state interest involving the South East Queensland Regional Plan on 17 April and refused the application on 13 June. The application lodged by Titanium Enterprises was for a major tourist resort in the Sunshine Coast hinterland hamlet of Kin Kin. It was to comprise 219 units, a golf course, an equestrian facility, a 100-room hotel, restaurants and conference facilities that would attract an estimated 3,000 people on peak days. It was my view that it was clearly inappropriate for the area and it contravened both the Noosa planning scheme and the South East Queensland Regional Plan.

At the request of the Noosa shire, I called in the application to head off a costly court battle between the council and Titanium that could have cost the ratepayers of Noosa hundreds of thousands of dollars. This is an excellent example of how our government works with councils to protect areas of environmental significance in Queensland.

As I have previously advised the House, our protection came without the support of the local Liberal and National Party representatives at both the state and federal level. In fact, the Hon. Warren Truss provided a letter of support for the development which they proudly display on their web site, such are their green credentials. For the benefit of members who have an interest in this, I identify that the material I am tabling, which I am required to table under the act, also includes the material that is on the centre table.

I am also pleased today to table the rural precinct planning guidelines for south-east Queensland councils to further assist them in defining sensible, sustainable development in non-urban areas. These voluntary guidelines will help south-east Queensland councils tailor rural precincts to suit local land use plans and the long-term needs of their communities. Councils will have the flexibility to apply specific land use controls that encourage investment in rural businesses while protecting the individuality of the precincts. Once the guidelines are in place, landowners will be given certainty about future development and they can plan accordingly.

To support the implementation of the guidelines, the Office of Urban Management will fund the establishment of four 'showcase' examples of what can be achieved in agriculture, nature conservation, intensive animal production and ecotourism precincts. I urge councils to work with us to build a better south-east Queensland, and I table the guidelines for the benefit of the House.

*Tabled paper:* Document, dated August 2007, by Office of Urban Management, titled 'South East Queensland Regional Plan 2005-2026: Implementation guideline No 6—Rural Precinct Guidelines'.

I would encourage all members who represent electorates in the south-east corner that are the subject of the South East Queensland Regional Plan and who have in their areas rural precincts to make themselves familiar with the guidelines.