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BLIGH LABOR GOVERNMENT, PLANNING ACHIEVEMENTS

Mr HINCHLIFFE (Stafford—ALP) (11.55 am): I rise this morning to inform the House of the recent planning achievements of the Bligh government and our innovative Department of Infrastructure and Planning. At the recent Planning Institute of Australia's Queensland excellence awards, the Bligh government was recognised eight times. Our Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Guidelines won the Urban Design, Plans and Ideas category for its innovative approach to make sure built environments are more welcoming, more visible to others and reduce opportunities for crime. The Draft Far North Queensland Regional Plan 2025 won the regional planning category for its strategic approach to encourage development into less sensitive areas that can be serviced by public transport and its groundbreaking examination of climate change issues. Another collaboration, this time between SEQ Catchments, the University of the Sunshine Coast and the Department of Infrastructure and Planning, won the Environmental Planning category for a new framework assessing the impacts of development on ecosystems.

The remaining five projects that involved the Department of Infrastructure and Planning all received certificates of merit. The Brisbane Valley Rail Trail received a certificate of merit in the Planning Achievements in Small and Local Communities category. The Blueprint for the Bush regional plans received a certificate of merit in the Planning Achievements in Small and Local Communities category. Statutory planning in Indigenous LGAs in association with Arup Consulting Engineers received a certificate of merit in the Social and Community Based Planning category. The 'Improving sustainable housing in Queensland' discussion paper received a certificate of merit in the Housing category—something I know the Deputy Premier was particularly proud of.

The Ipswich Regional Centre Strategy in association with Ipswich City Council, Urbis, Cardno Eppell Olsen, Roberts Day and DPZ Pacific received a certificate of merit in the Urban Planning category. The winners are automatically nominated for the National PIA Awards to held in Darwin next March. At the 2008 National PIA Awards held in April this year—

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