



Speech by

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Planning Laws, Adult Store Locations

Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE (Stafford—ALP) (Minister for Infrastructure and Planning) (10.46 am): I want to update the House on the review of adult store locations in a land use planning and development context. Last year, after community calls for input on the location of adult stores, the Deputy Premier and then minister for infrastructure and planning instigated a review of current regulations and codes relating to those locations. The review found that Queensland's current planning processes do not include specific provisions to regulate the proximity of adult stores to sensitive community facilities such as child-care centres, schools and churches. A draft state planning regulatory provision that new adult stores cannot be located within 200 metres of sensitive-use community facilities has been notified for public consultation with key stakeholders, community and councils. This regulatory provision will establish state-wide provisions for councils to consider when assessing development applications for these legitimate businesses.

As this is essentially a local matter, local governments will be able to vary those standards if they so choose in response to their local communities. For example, councils may specify a greater or lesser separation distance or add or reduce the list of sensitive uses. This demonstrates the state's interest in this issue through implementing a state-wide position yet allows communities to adapt the provisions to suit local interests. The regulatory provision took effect as soon as the draft was gazetted on 31 July 2009, but public consultation closes on 15 September this year. This consultation will allow communities and interest groups to express their views on the proposed separation distance and that list of sensitive uses. I will consider all submissions before the provision is confirmed, modified or indeed withdrawn. By providing a flexible state-wide standard, Queenslanders can be confident that the location of new adult stores will suit the needs of their communities.