



Speech by

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PALMVIEW STRUCTURE PLAN

Mr BLEIJIE (Kawana—LNP) (9.40 pm): I rise this evening to draw to the attention of the House the Palmview Structure Plan. Before those opposite get hot under the collar, I ask them to listen until the end of my speech because it is very favourable to certain ministers of the Crown.

The Palmview Structure Plan was released in March 2010. It is the master planned community for Palmview in my electorate. I have raised this important issue in the House previously. I must say from the outset that the current Palmview Structure Plan has failed to adopt several key issues and concerns that the Sippy Downs community had regarding the proposed Palmview development.

For 12 months the community has been liaising and fighting with council, and their concerns have fallen on deaf ears. I have met with many Sippy Downs residents who will be impacted by the proposed Palmview development. There is overwhelming angst amongst Sippy Downs residents. The residents have previously objected to the proposed development and, as I said, council is just not listening.

Today I tabled in parliament a petition signed by 1,422 petitioners in relation to two vital issues of the residents of the existing Sippy Downs community. This is in addition to the 42 petitioners who signed the electronic petition, which was tabled yesterday in parliament. My office is still receiving these petitions, which just goes to show how strongly the people in the local community feel about the discrepancies in the current structure plan.

The residents of Sippy Downs have raised several concerns with the Palmview Structure Plan, particularly with respect to the proposed green link in its current form that will rip through the centre of the existing Sippy Downs master planned community and the lack of direct access or service road to the Bruce Highway to alleviate the potential traffic that will be thrust upon the Sippy Downs community. The existing road networks in Sippy Downs are already burdened. The local and state governments must work together to address the concerns of the local community and ensure that the proposed development does not put enormous pressure on the existing road network in the local community.

Despite recent criticisms from Councillor Grosskreutz from the Sunshine Coast Regional Council, the opposition does work with the state government to ensure that community objections are heard. I recently led a delegation comprising representatives from the Sippy Downs and District Community Association and Councillor Dickson from the Sunshine Coast Regional Council to meet with the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, the Hon. Mr Hinchliffe, to discuss the residents' objections to the Palmview Structure Plan. The minister was happy to meet with me and the community residents. Members opposite might be surprised to learn that it was quite an amicable meeting. I thank the minister for listening to the objections of the association. I will be heading a further delegation to meet with the Minister for Main Roads tomorrow in relation to the community's objections to the structure plan and proposed alternatives.

We do not just come with objections; we come with solutions and an open mind. We ask that the government please listen to the residents of the Sippy Downs community. I would urge all residents on the Sunshine Coast to get their submissions into council before 19 April, which is the cut-off time, and to finally have their say.

(Time expired)