



Speech by

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PALMVIEW DEVELOPMENT

Mr BLEIJIE (Kawana—LNP) (10.11 pm): I rise to speak on a very important issue to the Kawana electorate—that is, the Palmview development. In the past the minister and I have had discussions about this development. I am glad that he is in the chamber tonight, because this is the three minutes of his life that the minister needs to hear on behalf of my electorate.

Mr Hinchliffe: It's three minutes I'll never get back.

Mr BLEIJIE: The minister will get it back. For 1½ years the community has been liaising with the Sunshine Coast Regional Council in relation to the Palmview greenfield structural plan that the council had to get developer ready. At a meeting in March 2009, the community put forward numerous suggestions to council. It then released its position paper. Unfortunately, a lot of the major issues that the community wanted addressed were not addressed in the position paper. Council then released another position paper, being the structural plan, and asked for community feedback before it went to the honourable minister.

The community held another successful meeting with the Sippy Downs and District Community Association where the major issues were highlighted. The council sent that to the state. Once the state had responded, we were advised that the council still did not take on board the major issues in the community. This year the issues were again addressed at a local community meeting with the Sippy Downs and District Community Association.

The major issues include some form of highway access or service road, the green link that is going to rip through the heart of the Sippy Downs community—obviously, the Sippy Downs community do not want it; they want it rerouted—the sequencing of the development and the upgrading of Claymore Road. I thank the Minister for Main Roads and the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning for sitting down with the community and discussing these issues with them, and giving the commitment that once the final structural plan is received by the state they will certainly look at it and take on board the issues of the community.

Unfortunately, council does not hold the same view. Last week council voted on it. We do not know what the council's current position is. They said they are very happy with it. From the rumour mill I am hearing that the community will not be entirely happy with the result. Tonight I call on the minister to give the Sippy Downs and District Community Association another opportunity to respond. I believe the minister will receive the documents from council on Friday. A 10-day period will follow.

I never thought I would say this in the chamber, but the minister may be our last hope with respect to getting a community development that is acceptable to the current Sippy Downs community and that addresses the major issues such as the highway access and the green link. If we shove 14,000 people into a development that will negatively impact on Sippy Downs, that will not benefit the Sunshine Coast.