



Speech by

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Queensland Growth Management Summit

Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE (Stafford—ALP) (Minister for Infrastructure and Planning) (10.22 am): In March the Bligh government held the Queensland Growth Management Summit to address population growth throughout the state. At the summit Queenslanders spoke and we listened. As a result, the Bligh government has identified and is implementing new policies and initiatives to build the regions and take pressure off the state's south-east.

In the four months since the summit, the Bligh government has delivered eight regionalisation forums in Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Toowoomba, Rockhampton, Gladstone, Bundaberg and Mount Isa to discuss growth while protecting lifestyle and landscape; declared six urban development areas to provide affordable housing outside the south-east in Mackay, Townsville, Gladstone, Roma, Blackwater and Moranbah; announced three new communities to relieve pressure on South-East Queensland and deliver some 100,000 new dwellings; dedicated 57 per cent of this financial year's \$17.1 billion capital works budget outside the south-east; and progressed transit oriented developments to allow residents to live, work and play closer to the Brisbane CBD, including the UDA at Woolloongabba.

We also welcome federal Labor's commitment to provide some \$200 million to boost affordable housing in regional cities and relieve pressure from ever-growing urban centres. People continue to move to Queensland. They move to Queensland because of our strong economy, our great lifestyle and our enviable environment. But this growth needs direction. The Bligh government will continue to reduce stress on the south-east by building our regions.