



Speech by

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Urban Development Areas

Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE (Stafford—ALP) (Minister for Infrastructure and Planning) (10.15 am): I wish to draw to the attention of the House that yesterday, in line with statutory timetables, I tabled interim land use plans for seven newly declared urban development areas across the state. As part of the Bligh government's commitment to managing growth across the state, we have tasked the Urban Land Development Authority to give consideration to new areas that could be declared as UDAs. In response, we now have UDAs that will help deliver affordable housing in regional cities, in resource towns and across the south-east corner. These new UDAs are part of the government's commitment to improve land supply and housing diversity; deliver infrastructure and create employment; utilise best practice design principles to deliver a range of affordable housing options; and maximise sustainable outcomes.

Mr Johnson: In Blackwater, too?

Mr HINCHLIFFE: Wait for it, Vaughan. Under the Regional Housing Diversity program, and in conjunction with the local councils, sites at Oonoonba in Townsville, Andergrove in Mackay and Clinton in Gladstone, totalling more than 130 hectares of land, will demonstrate quality planning and development policy outcomes and will deliver more than 1,300 homes to the market while injecting more than 2,200 jobs into the local building industries. In cooperation with local councils, UDA sites at Blackwater, at Bowen Street, Roma and at Moranbah, encompassing more than 57 hectares of land, will address land and housing supply issues in resource areas to meet the urgent need for key worker housing. These UDAs will deliver more than 800 homes that will help ease the pressure in local markets and establish mechanisms for overcoming impediments to a reliable supply of suitable housing stock while supplying more than 1,000 jobs to the building industry. In South-East Queensland, the delivery of the Woolloongabba UDA delivers opportunities for up to 2,500 homes to be established in an area that is located close to public transport hubs and within the inner city.

The local communities for these seven sites will continually be involved as the development plans for these sites are progressed. This is part of the Bligh government's commitment to engage and communicate with the local communities about our plans for managing growth.