



Speech by

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Transit Oriented Development Guide

Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE (Stafford—ALP) (Minister for Infrastructure and Planning) (10.05 am): I rise to advise the House that a comprehensive transit oriented development guide will be released today. Transit oriented development, or TOD, is a land use planning concept that promotes the creation of well-designed urban communities supported by public transport. These communities incorporate a mix of residential, commercial and retail uses, including affordable housing, shops, offices and other facilities all within a comfortable 10-minute walk of established or planned rail and bus stations. TOD is a key policy of the South East Queensland Regional Plan and supports the delivery of a range of government priorities relating to climate change, housing affordability, traffic congestion alleviation, liveability and health and physical activity. It supports the government's *Toward Q2: Tomorrow's Queensland* green and healthy aspirations by reducing car dependency, easing pressure to clear native vegetation for urban development by creating more compact communities, and promoting more healthy lifestyles by encouraging walking and cycling.

Key characteristics of transit oriented development are a rapid and frequent transit service; high accessibility to the transit station; a mix of residential, retail, commercial and community uses; high-quality public spaces and streets which are pedestrian and cyclist friendly; medium- to high-density development within 800 metres of a transit station; and reduced rates of private car parking.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr HINCHLIFFE: The TOD guide is designed to build understanding of the concept and promote good practice in the Queensland context by urban planners and designers, transport professionals and developers across government and the private sector.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr HINCHLIFFE: Currently there are 20 state and local government TOD projects underway including Yeerongpilly, Varsity Station and Woolloongabba. The Milton, a 30-storey TOD to be built adjacent to the Milton train station and opposite the Castlemaine Brewery, was further progressed on 9 September with the release of units for sale to the public.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr HINCHLIFFE: The Bligh government through Growth Management Queensland is leading the way with a focused approach to growth management to help shape tomorrow's Queensland focused on a sustainable future.