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 **Hon. AC POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection) (9.56 am): There is a post-it note stuck on the wall of my electorate office that reads—

Reduce the 'headmaster' approach of government and give people ownership and responsibility of their community.

This simple note is one of the many responses that I have received about the Queensland Plan from people in my local area and it goes to the heart of what the plan is all about. It is about giving people a say in the future of our state, encouraging everyone to take ownership of the plan and delivering a vision together over the next 30 years. We are writing history at the moment and I am excited to be a part of it.

Last week, leaders from across the state sat with delegates, both young and old, as they entered into the spirit of producing enduring outcomes based on the 78,251 responses that were collected since that first summit in Mackay in May. That is right: 78,251 voluntary responses from Queenslanders the length and breadth of the state. This was an unprecedented engagement process. Queenslanders have come out in droves to support the Queensland Plan and add their voice to planning for our state's future.

Let us look at what we have seen to date: 78,251 Queenslanders who spoke up from May through to August about their hopes, dreams and aspirations for our future; advertising and media messaging reached at least 90 per cent of the population and online there were 42 million impressions, reaching more than 11 million unique browsers. Last week more than 600 Queenslanders volunteered their time over two days in Brisbane to take apart and reassemble the analysis of this feedback. Over the past few days there has been countless commentary in the media, including from the *Courier-Mail*'s Steven Wardill, who said that the Queensland Plan has.

... involved people in the process, making them part of it ... it has honed their attention on long-range issues that have statewide ramifications rather than individual and isolated problems within areas.

The *Townsville Bulletin* reported—

The highlight for me so far has been to learn that a majority of Queenslanders want to achieve regionalisation, a surprising result given 70 per cent of respondents were from the South East corner.

Graham Engeman from the Gympie region said—

There is a huge need to plan ahead and perhaps we will avoid some of the fiascos of the past. It is a great step forward.

Ipswich State High School student Belle Fisher said—

I'm very excited for Ipswich and how our school and community will benefit from the 30 year vision.

In opening the Brisbane summit the Premier said—

One person can make a difference but collectively we can make history.

We are writing history at the moment. I would like to thank every member of parliament who participated and who will continue to contribute to the Queensland Plan, ensuring that this is a great state with great opportunity.