




Speech By
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QUEENSLAND PLAN BILL

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (12.57 pm): I rise today to speak in support of the Queensland Plan Bill. I also support the government's response to the Queensland Plan Bill. I have actually read the bill. This debate is not about the government's response; this debate is about the Queensland Plan Bill. This bill continues this government's commitment to deliver on the desire of Queenslanders to have in place a long-term plan that sits outside of the electoral cycle. I sincerely congratulate the Hon. Andrew Powell for his hard work and dedication to the long-term future of Queenslanders.

In speaking today I acknowledge the more than 80,000 people whose views helped shape Queenslanders' 30-year vision. The process to develop the Queensland Plan was deliberately inclusive and sought the widest set of views, options and aspirations that could be gathered.

Mr Deputy Speaker, you will recall the Mackay summit. Delegates included representatives from all 89 electorates, mayors, local government CEOs and a youth delegation that stole the show with their energy and enthusiasm. I am sure everyone would agree that the summit was challenging, but we all worked together to develop the six questions that would shape Queenslanders' vision. The Mackay summit was followed by a three-month engagement period in which we took those six questions to Queenslanders, including businesses, industry, non-government organisations, local government, community groups and individuals. We saw communities come together at more than 200 engagement events held by local members, community groups and businesses across the state.

All of this input culminated in the Brisbane summit, which was truly a watershed moment for our state. More than 600 delegates, including members representing every electorate, came together. At this point I would love to acknowledge the delegates from my electorate of Nanango who accompanied me to both Mackay and Brisbane: Mr Lyal Giles, the principal of Nanango State School; Mr Bryce Camm from Wonga Plains Feedlot and an active member of the agricultural community; Mrs Beryce Nelson, a previous member of this House and an active member of the Somerset region; and Mrs Amy Wicks, a mother, a primary producer and a very busy woman who is the president of the Next Gen group through the Queensland Shows association and a full-time community volunteer with the Nanango Show Society and many other local groups. I would also like to thank the Nanango focus group, which met in both Kingaroy and Yarraman to provide me with feedback for the process.

These meetings were held with a wide range of people from my electorate. They were invaluable. The time the group volunteered was much appreciated. I know that many people from around the Nanango electorate also contributed to the process via online feedback. In particular I make note of Jeff Close from Crows Nest.

But the engagement process did not stop at the end of the Brisbane summit. On 9 December 2013 the Premier released *The Queensland Plan: a 30-year vision for Queensland—our working draft created by Queenslanders, for Queensland* for public review. During the three-month review period

more than 550 people or organisations provided detailed feedback, with 71 per cent agreeing it was reflective of Queenslanders' feedback.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Dr Robinson): Order! Would the member like to seek leave to have the remainder of her speech incorporated?

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Yes. I seek leave to have the remainder of my speech incorporated in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

It would also be remiss of me not to reflect on the effort and diligence applied by the independent review group which was tasked with assessing the process for incorporating Queenslanders feedback into the final plan—The Queensland Plan: Queenslanders' 30-year vision—released on 31 July 2014.

The nine foundation areas, 35 goals and 20 targets that frame The Queensland Plan will drive the direction of our State for the next 30 years. It truly is a bold and inspiring vision. Delivering on Queenslanders' vision through our collective efforts, will secure a strong and prosperous future for our communities and the State.

The Bill that we are debating today is vital in ensuring that a strong implementation framework exists so that we can keep faith with Queenslanders to deliver on their vision. I commend the Bill to the House.