




Speech By  
**Hon. Jarrod Bleijie**

**MEMBER FOR KAWANA**

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**LAND SALES AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Hon. JP BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (3.24 pm), in reply: I begin by thanking all honourable members for their contributions to this debate. This debate is about regulation and red-tape reduction. It is about consumer protection. It is about driving the economy of Queensland forward under a bright plan.

The Labor Party in the shadow Attorney-General talked about the timing of this legislation. I find it funny that over the past few years members of the Labor Party have said in debate of legislation that they were just about to do it. They had had an inquiry, they had sought submissions from the world, they had put out an issues paper and they were just about to do it—but for an election. They were just about to do it but for an election. Over the past two years we have seen so many bills being debated, particularly in the Justice and Attorney-General portfolio, which the Labor Party supported because they were 'just about to do it', had it not been for the election. They had 20 years in government, give or take a few—apart from 1996 to 1998 under the good Borbidge-Sheldon government. They could have achieved the objective of reducing regulation and red tape. I do not think Queenslanders cop it anymore when the Labor Party say that they would have done this had they been in power for 23 years, not for 20 years. I am proud to be part of a government that is doing this in 2½ years. We have been in government for just over two years, after being out of full government for 20 years, and we are achieving this objective for both the consumer and the property industry.

The member for Redcliffe also asked what evidence there is to support the need for some of these amendments as the property sector is booming along. I do not know where the member for Redcliffe has been over the past few years.

**Mr Crisafulli:** Canberra.

**Mr BLEIJIE:** I take the interjection from the local government minister: she has been in Canberra putting carbon tax on people and so on.

Where has the member for Redcliffe been over the past few years? In this state we have had to deal with the global financial crisis, the property sector has been on a downturn and we have experienced natural disasters right across the state, particularly in my colleague the honourable the minister's electorate with cyclones. The property and construction industry has been battered not only by natural disasters and the global financial crisis but also by the Australian Labor Party, Queensland division. This is about reducing regulation and red tape developed by the Labor Party, put on to the consumers by the Labor Party and put on to the property industry by the Labor Party. I am very proud that we are part of a government that is getting on with the job and just doing it. We talk, we listen, we send the legislation off to a committee and we are getting on with the job of implementing it in 2½ years. We will not be sitting around in 20 years time wondering if we will get around to this.

The member for Redcliffe can mention Peter Lawlor all she wants. The Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games knows all too well about former

minister Peter Lawlor. He was always just about to do something; he just never did it. We on this side of the House are getting on with the job. Queenslanders wanted reform in this area. The development industry needed reform in this area. The four pillars of our economy demand that we act on this issue. Of course, construction is one of the key pillars of the economy. That is why we are getting on with the job of doing this. I thank all honourable members for their contributions—particularly the government members, who fully support the legislative reform that we are putting through the House today.