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 **Hon. TL MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Minister for Housing and Public Works) (4.38 pm): I rise today to speak on the ratification of the Queensland Plan. I want to say how refreshing it is to be part of a government that does have a long-term vision, that is thinking beyond election cycles, that is thinking beyond political parties. It has been an absolute pleasure to be involved in this process and to serve under a leader that actually has this type of vision. But of course this is not the vision of the Queensland government; this is the vision of the Queensland people.

It was a great privilege to be involved in that very first gathering where we took a number of representatives from each electorate—I took three from my electorate—to be involved in formulating the questions that needed to be asked at the upcoming summit where we were going to bring a lot more people to discuss these things. I was delighted to be involved in that process and I was particularly delighted with the outcome when we looked at those six questions. One of the questions that really encouraged me, coming from a history in the not-for-profit area, was that very first question of how do we turn society's focus away from 'me' to 'we'. I was incredibly encouraged that the people felt that that was an important question to address—that we need to become a far more caring society, that we need to look out for those who need help. Those of us who are very privileged need to be able to fulfil our responsibilities to those who are less privileged. I am looking forward to seeing how that may manifest itself over the coming years. Then of course we had the larger gathering where we had over 600 people looking at ways of bringing this plan together. Again, what a great example of democracy in action.

I think one of the great things about the Queensland Plan is that it has caused a range of other departments to look beyond three or four or five years. I know in my own department we had ConstructionQ with the building and construction industry. I say unashamedly that that was motivated by the Queensland Plan process. We have had ResourcesQ; we have had InfrastructureQ; we have had DestinationQ; and, as the member for Nanango just mentioned, we have had the education summit as we look at a 30-year plan for educating our society into the future.

I do not plan to speak for a long time this afternoon about this. I just want to give my wholehearted support to the Queensland Plan, a plan that has seen 80,000 people make a submission—that has to be something that has never been done before in any government in the world—where so many everyday Queenslanders have felt that this was a great process to be involved in and they felt that it deserved their time and attention. The document that has been produced is a fantastic document. It is inspiring as you read it. Of course, it means nothing if it is simply a document. To have the Queensland Plan ambassadors keep us accountable to that I think is also a fantastic initiative. I congratulate the Premier. I congratulate Minister Powell for his role in this as well. I look forward to seeing some of the outcomes that will take place over the next 30 years because of this process and because of this plan. I strongly recommend to the House that we ratify the Queensland Plan.