




Speech By
Hon. Mark Bailey

MEMBER FOR YEERONGPILLY

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MOTION

Yeerongpilly Transit Oriented Development, State Planning Regulatory Provision

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy and Water Supply) (4.54 pm): I rise to join my colleagues the Deputy Premier and the member for Clayfield to speak in support of this motion. Unlike the Brisbane City Council days, we might disagree a lot less here, member for Clayfield. Economic Development Queensland has been working with the selected preferred development partner, Consolidated Properties and LJCB Investment Group, for the Yeerongpilly Green project. The ratification of the Yeerongpilly Transit Oriented Development State Planning Regulatory Provision 2014 is the final step in the process that will enable the creation of around 250 jobs through the construction of this \$850 million development on what was the old animal husbandry farm located for many decades beside the then Tennyson power station, which is now of course the Tennyson tennis centre. Obviously, this precinct will be vastly different from its recent history.

The planning framework, comprising the SPRP and a detailed plan of development, provides for a mix of apartment and retail development accessible to major employment nodes such as the Princess Alexandra Hospital, the University of Queensland and the Rocklea and Archerfield industrial precinct. Yeerongpilly Green will provide a new main street retail and commercial precinct and a range of housing opportunities close to existing active and public transit networks. The planning framework provides for the re-use of the heritage buildings on site, reflecting that history, as outlined before, and adds to the substantial green and public spaces already available in the area, including riverfront access. Existing and future residents will have green space recreational areas, with approximately \$30 million of community amenities to be created as part of the Yeerongpilly Green.

It is also important to note that the planning framework also provides for the future expansion of the Queensland Tennis Centre, home to the Brisbane International tournament, which draws the best tennis players in the world to Brisbane each January in the lead-up to the Australian Open and, of course, draws a lot of investment and spending into the Brisbane and South-East Queensland economy. The proposed development will provide a significant increase in amenity for players and visitors. The project is the culmination of work over three terms of government over many years. Yeerongpilly Green will create and add a new and diverse community in southern Brisbane. I therefore support the motion that the Yeerongpilly TOD State Planning Regulatory Provision 2014, as tabled on 5 May 2015, be ratified.