



Speech By Tim Nicholls

MEMBER FOR CLAYFIELD

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (PLANNING FOR PROSPERITY-CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Introduction

Mr NICHOLLS (Clayfield—LNP) (11.58 am): I present a bill for an act to make consequential amendments to the legislation stated in this act for the purpose of the Planning and Development (Planning for Prosperity) Act 2015, and to amend other legislation stated in this act for particular purposes. I table the bill, explanatory notes and an erratum to the explanatory notes and I nominate the Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper: Planning and Development (Planning for Prosperity—Consequential Amendments) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 [561].

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The Planning and Development (Planning for Prosperity—Consequential Amendments) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 is the final plank of the package of bills I am presenting to the House today. I refer to my previous comments made in the introductory speech for the Planning and Development (Planning for Prosperity) Bill 2015 and I expressly incorporate those comments in this introductory speech as well. The bill amends 66 acts to reflect the proposed enactment of the planning and development bill and the planning court bill. In the interests of brevity, I will not go through the amendments as they relate to all 66 acts.

However, I will touch on some of the more major amendments. The bill includes amendments to: update references to the Sustainable Planning Act with references to the planning and development act or planning court act; replace terminology contained in the Sustainable Planning Act with new terminology used in the new act; omit referral and assessment triggers for other state agencies that are redundant as a result of the establishment of the State Assessment and Referral Agency; and remove duplication in other acts of planning processes or requirements that are more appropriately dealt with under the planning legislation.

This bill and the other bills I have introduced aim to deliver the best planning scheme in Australia that will stimulate positive development and provide opportunities for all Queenslanders now and into the future. It is a sign that this LNP opposition is indeed active and engaged in implementing reforms that will have positive economic benefits for the state. I have already mentioned some of the positive planning reforms undertaken by the LNP in government. These are further positive reforms and this is what the industry is crying out for.

As I have mentioned already, extensive consultation has been undertaken in the drafting of these bills, led by the former deputy premier, his office and departmental staff. I particularly thank the departmental officers for their work during the preparation of these bills, because I understand the amount of work they put into this package of bills and it is important that they be acknowledged. It is my pleasure to deliver these bills today, but I acknowledge all the work that has gone into them by everyone involved.

I also look forward to engaging once again with stakeholders and third parties as part of the committee process. As I have mentioned previously, we are open to change and we are willing to engage with the committee to make sure we get the best outcome for all Queenslanders, because ultimately that is what these bills are all about. I commend the bill to the House.

First Reading

Mr NICHOLLS (Clayfield—LNP) (12.01 pm): I move—

That the bill be now read a first time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

Referral to the Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Grace): In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee.