




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR CLAYFIELD

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INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Planning and Development Legislation, Suspension of Consideration

 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (9.51 am): I rise to support this motion. The bills, as you know, Mr Speaker, are private members' bills that I introduced with a reporting back date that was agreed to by the House of 13 October this year, giving some five months for consideration of the bills. Since then, I have had some discussions not only with you, Mr Speaker, but with the Deputy Premier in relation to them and I have also had representations from members of industry. In those discussions, it has been made apparent that there is more to be gained by a joint consideration of the bills, including the bills that are proposed to be introduced into the House by the Deputy Premier. In terms of resourcing, these are complex pieces of legislation, with the three bills from our side comprising hundreds of pages. So it seems to me to be sensible and reasonable that we do that. I note that you, Mr Speaker, have received some correspondence and I have copies of that here which I am prepared to table.

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 16 July 2015, from Mr Greg Hallam PSM, Chief Executive Officer, Local Government Association of Queensland, to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Hon. Peter Wellington, regarding submission on planning bills [\[829\]](#).

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 14 July 2014, from Mr Chris Mountford, Queensland Executive Director, Property Council of Australia, to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Hon. Peter Wellington, regarding planning legislation [\[830\]](#).

I think it is important that this matter is brought back to the House and not resolved by the CLA or the committee itself. There are two principles: the first is the reporting back date, which the Leader of the House has just moved be deferred for further consideration; and the second is that it is the House that made the resolution for the reporting back date so it ought to be the House that changes that or agrees to any change to it or suspension in it.

The other issue is that those stakeholders who are interested in this legislation have a clear understanding of what is to happen. Since the decision was made by the committee considering the bills, the stakeholders have been wondering what it is they need to do next. This now puts it clearly on the record that that is the case. They have a clear path forward. I want to also acknowledge the cooperation from the Deputy Premier, in a rare outbreak of bipartisanship in relation to this matter.