



Speech By  
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**MOTION**

**Yeerongpilly Transit Oriented Development, State Planning Regulatory Provision**

 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (4.50 pm): I am very happy to rise to speak in support of the motion before the House today, because of course it is yet another vote of confidence in the former government's plan to grow the Queensland economy in part of the four pillars we identified in the construction and property area. In that respect, I am of course delighted to—

**Ms Trad:** We started it. Come on, Tim! We started it!

**Mr Hinchliffe:** I am in the room! Don't ignore me!

**Mr NICHOLLS:** Mr Deputy Speaker, they impugn to me their own motives. They thought I was not going to recognise the member for Sandgate. They thought that I, like them, would try to claim credit for everything! Nothing could be further from the truth. But, unlike those opposite—and I am here to support the motion—who want to claim credit for things like the Queen's Wharf development or the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing or the \$8 billion going into upgrading the Bruce or any of those projects or the schools PPP which is delivering 10 new schools throughout Queensland or the new six-car train sets that we are delivering and indeed the project that we are talking about here at Yeerongpilly Green, I am happy to acknowledge that this is the culmination of a lot of work that started back in 2009. In fact, the first state planning regulatory provision was passed in 2011 and entertained TODs, but TODs have been around for a long time. In some way, shape or form I have been told about TODs since 2000. TODs have been proposed at places such as Albion in my electorate and they have been proposed—

**Mr Bailey** interjected.

**Mr NICHOLLS:** The member for Yeerongpilly is going to speak next. He has been around even more but delivered fewer. He has been around longer but delivered fewer.

**Mr Bailey:** Oh, Tim!

**Mr NICHOLLS:** Well, I had to. It is part and parcel of the deal. If you turn up here you cannot expect all bouquets, especially when you do not deserve them. TODs have also been spoken about at Milton, but finally we have one that actually looks like it is going to get off the ground.

I do want to pay particular credit to the former planning minister and former deputy premier, Jeff Seeney, whose department continued the work and, of course, initially saw the state planning regulatory provision gazetted in September 2014 after a very lengthy period of consultation. I also want to particularly acknowledge the contribution by Consolidated Properties, whose tender was in at the time the government changed, supported by Hutchinson Builders—two great Queensland operations that I am sure many in this House know and have spoken about, and I note that Consolidated Properties is in a joint venture. This is a 10-year program that will see the revitalisation of that inner southern part of

Brisbane about eight or so kilometres from the GPO and in that sense it is good to see that work proceeding.

I do in particular acknowledge the hard work by all involved, particularly in the department, in making sure that this long process comes to fruition. We are going to see 10 years worth of work there. We are going to see jobs created. We are going to see new housing there. Importantly, this is not just high-end riverfront housing—there is already some of that along King Arthur Terrace at the Mirvac development along the river—but also the provision of affordable housing as well. It is very important that the mix is got right. Plans will change and markets will determine some of those outcomes, as it should be. But the intent is to ensure that this plan does provide a mix of housing styles and prices so that all can enjoy living in and around Brisbane. For that reason I am very happy to support it and, in yet another outbreak of peace, harmony and goodwill, say that I wish this project all the best. Congratulations to the winning tenderers.