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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Logan Renewal Initiative

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (3.23 pm): Of all the diabolical decisions this government has made over the past 18 months—there have been many—nothing comes close to the dumping of the Logan Renewal Initiative. The decision by the housing minister has to be the most retrograde, most negative and dumbest decision a state government can make. It has been made by a minister who is quickly gaining a reputation as the most arrogant in cabinet.

Let us be clear about the Logan Renewal Initiative and talk about the facts. The Logan Renewal Initiative was not about selling public housing. This minister continues to mislead the public about it. The Logan Renewal Initiative was an urban renewal project—a project that went over 20 years that would deliver great outcomes for the people of Logan, particularly social housing tenants. The project was going to invest \$800 million into Logan. It was going to replace a thousand outdated public housing properties with 2,600 additional properties, 1,600 of those being social and affordable housing.

The Logan Renewal Initiative was going to reduce the density of social housing to ease some of the social issues that have occurred in Logan and the surrounding areas. It was also going to provide the wraparound services that our most vulnerable need to help maintain their tenancies. It was also going to generate millions of dollars of work for local building contractors, for tradies and for service providers.

This project had the support of the Logan City Council, the service providers, the tenants and the government staff who would not lose their jobs. What is this minister's grand plan to replace the Logan Renewal Initiative? His grand plan is a \$17 million project to provide 70—that is it—public housing properties. We have 1,100 households on the public housing waiting list, yet he is going to provide 70 houses. What is he going to tell the thousand other households about where they are going to live over the next 20 years?

This is a minister who does not listen, who does not consult, who did not notify and who has still not explained. This morning he went to the Logan council. He treats them with contempt and does not provide an explanation. He does not recognise the investment. It is a facade. This whole government is an impostor.

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