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## ADJOURNMENT

### Carseldine, Former QUT Campus

 **Ms DAVIS** (Aspley—LNP) (8.45 pm): Recently I spoke about how the Palaszczuk Labor government is treating the residents of the Aspley electorate with complete disrespect with its approach to the land asset sale on the former QUT campus at Carseldine. The people of Carseldine have begun to understand that this government, in particular the Deputy Premier, does not care about their local community aspirations and does not care to understand the history of the site and the reasons locals hold this place dear.

These sentiments came across loud and clear at a community gathering that I held last Saturday. Around 180 residents came to express their concerns about the manner in which this development was announced, the lack of a detailed plan and the lack of consultation on the project. A diverse group of people came to that meeting. Although most residents preferred that the site remain untouched, others arrived with a range of views on the merits of developing the land. They came together as one on the issue of community consultation—or lack thereof. I was able to provide the group what information I had been given in a meeting with EDQ beyond what information was provided online. I thank the EDQ officers for the meeting, but I did leave with questions unanswered.

I learned that there were no plans to upgrade the open level crossing and that there was no plan to extend the Carseldine station park-and-ride. With the additional 900 dwellings and 3,500 people, it does not take a roads and traffic engineer to know that there will be additional traffic and road impacts. Let us not forget that the original plan incorporated an extension to the Northern Busway to provide additional public transport options. Currently, the Northern Busway terminates at Chermside and there are no plans to extend it in the foreseeable future. One of the residents advised that he, too, had sought information directly from EDQ. He was told that there were no proposed amendments to the development scheme and its contents.

It appears that there will be no community input on the overall development, just the community space as part of the plan. We have been told that no consultation is necessary, because there was consultation undertaken several years ago. I say that that is ridiculous. In that time the suburb has changed markedly, with increased townhouse development and population growth in the last five years. That does not include the newly completed Fitzgibbon Chase, which sits adjacent in the Sandgate electorate.

The outcome of the last meeting was that residents asked that I extend an invitation to the Deputy Premier to come along to the next meeting on 12 November between 9.30 and 10.30 at the Tavernetta on Dorville Road, Carseldine to hear their views. On behalf of the community, I extend that invitation. They deserve to have their voices heard.