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Ferny Grove, Transit Oriented Development

 **Hon. M FURNER** (Ferny Grove—ALP) (Minister for Local Government and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (2.53 pm): This week the spotlight has been on the integrity and accountability of local government in Queensland. Just two days ago I stood in this House and introduced legislation to deal with the conduct of councillors. This came on the back of the Premier tabling the Crime and Corruption Commission's report on Operation Belcarra and our government's response. Members can imagine my surprise when it came to my attention yesterday that two councillors in Brisbane, in my electorate of Ferny Grove, are using ratepayers' money to politicise a proposed state government development, the Ferny Grove transit oriented development—a state government development that will still need council development approval before it proceeds.

Given its importance in the area and the flow-on effect it has to traffic on surrounding roads, the Palaszczuk government quite rightly identified it as an area of opportunity to create a TOD. This will deliver renewed energy in our community and 629 full-time-equivalent jobs, with about a further 430 full-time-equivalent jobs once the development is operational.

The Palaszczuk government has committed to funding 253 additional commuter car parks for the project. The government funded car parks will be in addition to the 300-plus car parks provided by the developer for residential, retail and cinema customers. The build will be conducted in such a way that parking disruption will be minimised during construction. The site's capacity will actually exceed 1,500 car parks when complete. That is right: there will be more car parks, not fewer.

I was bewildered yesterday at the propaganda that is being distributed by the local LNP councillors in my electorate stating that the project would close more than 1,000 car parks at the station. I table those documents for the benefit of the House.

Tabled paper. Document, undated, from Councillor Andrew Wines regarding redevelopment of the Ferny Grove train station [\[2031\]](#).

Tabled paper. Document, undated, from Councillor Steven Toomey regarding redevelopment of the Ferny Grove train station [\[2032\]](#).

What a scurrilous, blatant lie these Brisbane city councillors are peddling. What else can we expect from the Queensland LNP? Councillor Toomey and Councillor Wines are deluded if they think this project will do anything but benefit the people of Ferny Grove through the introduction of the additional car parks, jobs and entertainment that will come from this development. This project, combined with the construction of Cross River Rail, means that commuters in Ferny Grove will have a much better journey to and from work. This is a project that will provide hundreds of jobs—jobs for constituents of Ferny Grove that are now at risk as a result of these LNP councillors playing gutter politics. What else would we expect from the LNP? ABS figures clearly show that 115,400 jobs have been created since we were elected in January 2015.