




Speech By
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MOTION: CEDAR WOODS DEVELOPMENT

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (6.21 pm): I rise to support the motion moved by my colleague the member for Mansfield. Let us not forget that the Cedar Woods development came about because the Bligh-Beattie government approved it in the first place. The member for Ashgrove was a part of that government and she voted for the South-East Queensland plan that allowed this to take place. We all know that the member for Ashgrove was kicked out in 2012. In the 2012 campaign, what did she have to do? She had to find a local issue. She could not find a local issue, so she had to make one up. What issue did she make up? She made up this issue about overdevelopment in the Upper Kedron/Cedar Woods project.

When they need to make up an issue—and there is nobody better at politics than the member for Ashgrove—the first thing they do is put together an independent group, as mentioned by the member for Aspley. That group was incredibly independent: the main player in the Save The Gap group was Shane Bevis, the son of Arch Bevis. He is a well-known Labor apparatchik. What happened to him next? He ran for The Gap ward in the Brisbane City Council election, but he failed in that election. Where do all failed Labor candidates end up? They end up in a minister's office! They then wait for the next election and are brought out again. They rotate Labor candidates through ministerial offices. Shane Bevis is still posting on Save The Gap, but we have not heard a word—not a whisper—although we have gone back to the original position.

As my colleagues have already mentioned, the Labor Party allowed development in the area. They allowed up to 1,350 lots in the development. The council said that that was too much and the council brought it back to 980 lots. Then the political exercise started: 'Let's go out and scare the community. Let's misrepresent the situation.' The now member for Ferny Grove and the now member for Ashgrove were in the middle of that scare campaign. What has happened? It has been a political stunt! It has been a con job! They conned the people of Upper Kedron and The Gap by scaring them into thinking that they could do something about it. Things had come full circle after the Deputy Premier stuffed it up and allowed 1,500 lots until the member for Ferny Grove and the member for Ashgrove pleaded with her to fix her mistake. Now we have gone back to—

Mr Furner interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Minister for Local Government, you have had your chance. I urge you not to persist or you will get the appropriate warning.

Mr MANDER: Now we are back to the same situation that we were in, which the member for Ashgrove described as a megasuburb that was unsustainable. Nothing has changed. In my opinion, the member for Ferny Grove won his seat on this issue. His scare-mongering con job sucked in the people of Upper Kedron. He won the election under false pretensions. He conned the electorate and now they are left with the member for Ferny Grove—

Mr FURNER: I rise to a point of order. I find the comments of the member for Everton offensive and I ask him to withdraw.

Mr MANDER: I withdraw. In my opinion, the member for Ferny Grove duped the residents of Upper Kedron by misrepresenting the situation, so now the people of Ferny Grove have 'Mr Invisible' as their local member. Everywhere I go I hear, 'We don't see this man; we don't see him anywhere.' I compare him with the former member, Dale Shuttleworth, who was the most hardworking member in this place. Dale Shuttleworth tells me that when he goes to local schools members of the P&C associations hug him and tell him that they wished he was back. Local sporting clubs still ask Dale Shuttleworth to be their patron, because they are so dissatisfied with the current member.

The time of the member for Ferny Grove is limited. He does not want an election in July or October. He wants it in April or May of next year, because after that election he will not be here. In Ferny Grove we have a fantastic candidate, Nick Elston. The contrast could not be more complete: he is a young family man and a former member of the Defence Force who trained at Duntroon. He is hardworking and he is out in his community. The contrast between Nick Elston and the current member is stark. That contrast is even more stark because the ladies tell me that Nick is easy on the eye as well. He is coming for you.