




Speech By
Hon. Cameron Dick

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MOTION: NEW CHUM, WASTE FACILITY

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (6.06 pm): I move—

That all words after 'House' be deleted and the following words be inserted—

- (a) notes that Ipswich City Council is the assessment agency for the BMI Group's application for a waste facility at New Chum;
- (b) notes that Ipswich City Council has not requested the state to exercise its call-in powers;
- (c) notes that Ipswich City Council has the power to approve or reject applications to expand existing or establish new waste facilities; and
- (d) notes the final report of Justice Peter Lyons's investigation into the transport of waste into Queensland.

Before the Leader of the Opposition was elected to the high office that she holds at the moment, many people in Queensland politics, many in the Queensland community and some in her own party thought that she simply was not up to the job. This motion and her contribution to it demonstrates absolutely that those critics were correct. The motion moved by the Leader of the Opposition demonstrates a complete and deep ignorance about the planning system in Queensland. It is fundamentally flawed. The Leader of the Opposition does not understand how the system works. The amendment to the motion that I moved makes that clear.

This matter is before the Ipswich City Council. The council has not asked for the application to be called in. It is going to deal with it properly in accordance with its democratic mandate—the right it has—to consider development applications. One member of the LNP understands how the system works and that is the member for Broadwater. Just last night—less than 24 hours ago—the member for Broadwater said—

Faced with the choice of people being able to pass judgement on mayors and councillors who they can elect and hold accountable every four years and a minister living in Brisbane, albeit well intentioned, I will always choose the mayor and councillor.

This motion is about a dump at New Chum, but I can tell members who is not a new chum for the Leader of the Opposition and that is the member for Broadwater, who wants her job.

Apart from a total lack of policy merit, this position taken by the LNP is completely opposite to everything it said in the last parliament. In September last year the former member for Mansfield, who was the shadow minister for planning in the last parliament, thundered that the planning minister's call-in was stripping the developer, the community and the councillor of a fair go in the Planning and Environment Court.

On 20 October, Mr Walker described ministerial call-ins as dramas that meant that developers would not come to Queensland. He moved a motion in this House condemning the then deputy premier and minister for planning for calling in a development. In that debate, the member for Chatsworth lectured the House saying that call-ins 'hurt confidence' and expressed the concern of the Property Council that 'call-in powers need to be used extremely judiciously'.

What do the members opposite believe in? Who would possibly know? They say one thing before the election and then, when they lose the election, and the flip-flopping starts. The members opposite say that there is a simple solution now, but they did not say that before the election. They are focused on momentary political advantage.

We know that about the Leader of the Opposition. The truth is that the Leader of the Opposition will say or do anything for her own benefit. No-one believes that the Ipswich City Council should be usurped from its proper authority to make a decision on this application. That is the truth. The Leader of the Opposition is looking for political advantage.

I say to all new members of the LNP—the members for Callide, Bundaberg, Nicklin, Buderim, Lockyer, Bonney, Southern Downs, Ninderry and Pumicestone—that the leadership team has just caused you incredible embarrassment. This is not how the planning system works. Some of the new members are even listening because they know it is true. The Leader of the Opposition could not even talk to the process of call-in when she moved the motion. We know it is a political stunt. The leadership team has embarrassed the LNP.

I urge members of parliament to reject the motion, to consider the amendment carefully and to pass the amendment which is absolutely correct. We will now hear from the member for Broadwater. Does he support councils making decisions, which is what he said last night? Let us not worry about one year to the next, let us worry about one day to the next. Is he going to support councils or support his leader?