



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR EVERTON**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Everton Electorate, Planning Scheme**

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (7.00 pm): My appeal tonight is to the Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning. In December 2017, the Moreton Bay Regional Council submitted a request to amend their local planning scheme. It is now nine months later, and the residents of Warner, Albany Creek and Eatons Hill are no wiser as to whether those changes will be approved and whether they will have a significant impact on their quality of life.

My constituents have a number of concerns, particularly those who are in the Warner Investigation Area and also those who live at Albany Creek and are worried about the connection road between Greensill Road and Leitchs Road. Part of these amendments include roads that will go through private properties. There is concern about the impact that will have on wildlife, particularly koalas. There is also concern about density and the lack of infrastructure. Generally, they are worried that the proposals by the Moreton Bay Regional Council are not consistent with the character of these beautiful suburbs.

My constituents who will be impacted or potentially impacted by these developments feel like their lives are on hold. So far the community has put together five petitions. Constituents have written directly to the minister. I have written directly to the minister. The current vacuum with regard to the lack of information is leading to speculation and it is also leading to rumours.

There have been reports that the member for Pine Rivers knows what the decision will be and has made some statements to a community group. There is speculation that the editor of the local newspaper knows what the decision is going to be. There is also speculation that there has been feedback given to Moreton Bay Regional Council and that they have been given some instructions. The problem is that my constituents do not know.

I ask the minister tonight to give clarity to this situation. Please listen to their concerns. We are hoping that the decision will be prompt and that it will be a positive one that will take into account the concerns of my community.