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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Mount Gravatt East, Development Proposal

 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (2.33 pm): I spoke in this House on 6 September 2018 to address an issue which is causing great concern amongst constituents in my electorate of Mansfield. I update the House today as this concern continues for residents due to the LNP Brisbane City Council's absolute incompetence.

In May 2018 the community of Mount Gravatt East bounded by Coolong, Nurrán and Carrara streets were awakened by the sound of chainsaws as contractors cleared mature native trees from three adjoining blocks totalling 6,794 square metres. Naturally, the residents were incensed to learn that a developer had purchased these three blocks, which have been zoned low-density residential since their gazettal in 1967. The developer plans to establish 32 two-storey, four-bedroom townhouses on a site that has no street frontage except for a single driveway.

I have been in regular contact with the Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning regarding this proposed development. The minister has written to both the Lord Mayor and chair of city planning stating that appropriate information in the original development application was not provided in the first instance on 28 November 2018. The minister's department only received the requested further information on 1 February 2019. The minister also recommended that the Brisbane City Council consider a temporary local planning instrument, known as a TLPI, to halt the development, which was put forth as an urgency motion by Labor councillors and voted down by the LNP council on 23 October 2018.

The LNP have been in power in Brisbane City Council for 15 years and the local LNP councillor for 12 years. They have had every chance to fix these problems but only now, as my community has reached its breaking point, do they change their position and vote for a city-wide TLPI—very similar to the Labor motion voted down last year.

In my community the LNP council rewrote the Mount Gravatt neighbourhood plan in 2012. They could have fixed the problem then. The LNP council completely rewrote the Brisbane City Plan in 2014. They could have fixed the problem then. On 2 December 2018 the LNP local councillor promised more than 200 residents at a public meeting that they would purchase the property, rehabilitate it and turn the development into parkland, but so far there has been no action.

The minister's department remains ready to meet with council officers to progress these matters in a timely fashion but, as we know based on their past record of performance, that could still be years away.