




Speech By
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

 **Ms PUGH** (Mount Ommaney—ALP) (12.39 pm): I rise today to speak in support of the Economic Development and Other Legislation Amendment Bill. I will do so by addressing once again the lacklustre contribution from the member for Glass House. I note that the member tabled a petition. It was not the petition that he started last year about the Oxley PDA. I do wonder what became of that petition. I suppose I will have to wait and see. Just a few weeks ago we had another round of community consultation about the Oxley PDA. There were many members of the Oxley community there, but you would not know, member for Glass House, because once again you were not there.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Stevens): Order! Member for Mount Ommaney, please direct your comments through the chair and not across the chamber.

Ms PUGH: Yes, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr Powell interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Glass House!

Mr Mickelberg interjected.

Ms PUGH: Your interjections are not being taken, member for Buderim. Thank you kindly.

Mr LANGBROEK: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. Can I draw your attention to standing order 247, which says that members' comments should be directed to the Speaker?

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, member for Surfers Paradise. I just highlighted that very fact to the member for Mount Ommaney. There was further comment from a member on my left, and I did not hear who particularly said that, and then the member for Mount Ommaney responded inappropriately. Member for Mount Ommaney, I will not advise you again. Next time I will have to sit you down. Please direct your comments through the chair.

Ms PUGH: Thank you for your guidance, Mr Deputy Speaker.

An honourable member interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: There are people arguing with the chair's decision on that matter? No? Thank you.

Ms PUGH: I was at the community consultation and the independent councillor for Tennyson was there. As I said, guess who was not there? The member for Glass House! It was a good thing because he is not very popular in my neck of the woods because of his cruel and baseless attacks on community members. My good mate Bill Thurkill was there and, of course, the chair of our community consultation panel was there, Theresa Rich Hoyle. I once again want to take this opportunity to commend Theresa. She never misses an opportunity to represent the views of the Oxley residents and our community.

Our community will never forgive the member for Glass House for his disgraceful attacks on her last year. It is not right to see apolitical members of our community attacked by politicians. It should be noted that two of the community members who met with the member for Glass House last year in parliament were, in fact, members of political parties. That is something I did not mention. In fact, one of the people was the 2017 candidate in the state election for One Nation.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Mount Ommaney, I would like you, under standing order 118, to become relevant to the particular bill. Please tie up any comments you have to the long title of the bill.

Ms PUGH: Thank you for your guidance. I will speak about the PDA as it pertains to the bill. It is good to see the LNP leadership making a play for those preferences. I will give members a bit of history on the PDA of Oxley. Contrary to the member's assertion about the site being green space, it is actually not green space. It is an abandoned school. This site has been built on for quite a long period of time. The history of the site has been up in the air since 2014 when the then premier, Campbell Newman, evicted the tenants on the site. As recently as 2014 we saw this site not used as green space but as a functioning workplace for the fire ants workforce and there was a ballet school on the site. The residents of Oxley know this. These tenants were booted off at that time, no doubt in preparation for asset sales.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms PUGH: Thank you for your protection. The final outcome of the PDA site includes a community hub and the relocation of our beloved Yuingi childcare centre to higher ground so it no longer floods as it so sadly did back in 2011. We will see sports and playing fields for the local community and approximately 74 large-lot residential home sites on an average block size of 800 square metres. This is in keeping with the other local home sites and developments like Edenbrooke and the Verandah, places that residents in Oxley know and love.

It should also be noted that, as I mentioned earlier, the local councillors have been consulted every step of the way by me because that is my job. It is great to see that so many members of the House have such an interest in this site.

Opposition members interjected.

Ms PUGH: I will wait for silence.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Member for Mount Ommaney, please, through the chair.

Ms PUGH: But I was not directing my comments at anyone.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Do not argue with the chair, member for Mount Ommaney, please. Otherwise I will be forced to sit you down.

Ms PUGH: I would also like to make some brief comments on the Sanctuary Cove Resort Act 1985 which establishes the Sanctuary Cove Resort. I found it interesting that this piece of legislation, the Sanctuary Cove Resort Act, is exactly as old as I am: 33 years. I think that is interesting to note because 33 years ago many of the residents of Sanctuary Cove were probably not thinking about retirement. I think it is apt at this time that we take the opportunity to evaluate the needs of this community. Having visited this beautiful area, I think it would in keeping to allow residents to age in place within their communities. With those brief comments, I commend the bill to the House.