




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Ferny Grove Transit Oriented Development

 **Hon. ML FURNER** (Ferny Grove—ALP) (Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries) (7.10 pm): I would like to report to the House on the status of the Ferny Grove transit oriented development. The development application for the Ferny Grove TOD is currently awaiting final approval from the Brisbane City Council. The TOD has been the subject of many lengthy and careful negotiations involving the local community, Queensland Rail, Treasury, the developer and the Brisbane City Council.

Members would recognise large projects such as this require a considerate touch and a great deal of listening. That is why I am disappointed that the federal member for Dickson, Peter Dutton, has decided to bludgeon our local community with billboards and leaflets about extra car parks in Ferny Grove. He claims he has delivered when in fact he has not even engaged a surveyor to assess the viability of his thought bubble of a plan to build a car park on a flood plain across the main roadway from the existing station.

I am concerned that Mr Dutton wants us all to eat a magic pudding if he thinks this plan will do anything other than to raise people's hopes and deliver a traffic and pedestrian nightmare. I am told by engineers that the money he claims to have delivered for his imaginary parking station probably will not even pay for the foundations.

Increased parking at the Ferny Grove Railway Station has always been a major issue in our community. On taking office in 2015, I was dismayed to discover the previous government had approved construction of the TOD at Ferny Grove without any additional car spaces. I am pleased to report that the Palaszczuk government has funded hundreds of extra car spaces for the TOD in the 2017 budget through a \$9 million allocation to the project.

Mr Hinchliffe: Great decision.

Mr FURNER: I take that interjection. It is a great decision. Not only will this investment provide the parking relief all locals recognise is needed at the station, but it will also provide hundreds of extra jobs—construction jobs during the build and ongoing service and retail jobs—people in my community are seeking.

The money that the Palaszczuk government has invested in this project will deliver the jobs our community desperately needs to prosper and grow. The Palaszczuk Labor government is dealing with this issue in a careful and considered manner after considerable consultation and planning. We, as a government, listen to our community. We, as a government, respond to our community. We, as a government, invest in our community to deliver the infrastructure and jobs in a sustainable fashion. It is only a Labor government—a federal Labor government along with a state Labor government—that will invest in infrastructure, growth, prosperity and jobs in our community.