




Speech By
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Caboolture West, Development

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services) (2.09 pm): I was very pleased to hear the great news from the Deputy Premier this morning about the acceleration program we will be supporting in the Caboolture West development area, an exciting development for the Caboolture region which will support more homes and more jobs in our local community. I am very pleased that this area has been selected as the pilot site for the growth areas development team. This is an initiative of the government to help accelerate land supply which will not only stimulate economic growth and provide more housing opportunities for Queenslanders and Australians to call Caboolture home but also support more jobs and housing affordability.

This is an exciting opportunity for our region. I am very pleased that this team has selected Caboolture West as the pilot site for this future growth program, to unlock that growth, to enhance housing choice and to improve housing affordability for all Queenslanders. This will bring about a massive economic boom and deliver huge job opportunities. The Moreton Bay region in particular has experienced significant growth over recent years, but I also welcome the opportunity that comes with further growth, with further opportunity to welcome people to our region.

The Caboolture West development is a massive development. It is expected that it will provide homes for up to 70,000 people. It is extraordinary. In doing so, it will also support many thousands of jobs for the whole region. It is part of our plan to stimulate economic activity by creating more jobs and more development around our state.

I know that work is already underway with the Moreton Bay Regional Council, water provider Unitywater, the Department of Transport and Main Roads, landowners and developers to deliver on this development opportunity. In support of this pilot project we are also providing \$10.5 million from the Queensland government's Building Acceleration Fund to deliver water supply, sewerage networks and a sewage pumping station. Not only will this support jobs in the delivery of that essential infrastructure; it will also be a catalytic contribution towards opening up accelerated development opportunities for the entire region. This water and sewerage infrastructure upgrade which is funded by that \$10.5 million loan will help kickstart the delivery of the first stage of Caboolture West, which will be approximately 3,000 new homes.

Many people have heard me talk about the Caboolture and Morayfield region as an outstanding place to live. I grew up there and I love living in this region. It is a magnificent place to welcome more Queenslanders and more Australians to our home. This is an exciting development.