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 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning) (9.46 am): Queenslanders know that Queensland is the place to be. We have the best communities, the best lifestyle and the best climate. We had the best COVID response that also made Queensland the safest place to live. Amid a terrible pandemic we have established a new normal so we can forge ahead with our economic recovery. The latest ABS data shows an amazing response to what we have achieved. Eighty-eight per cent of all interstate migration gains have been in Queensland while New South Wales and Victoria have gone backwards. One of the secrets of our success has been our teamwork. Our thanks go to the teams of health and other frontline workers for keeping us safe. We have also taken a team approach to our economic recovery. Together, we are building back better. That includes planning and building new communities.

I was pleased to speak last week at the Urban Development Institute of Australia's SEQ Growth Forum. I thank the UDIA for organising this important event. There I was able to outline our plans to address housing supply amid this migration surge, including the formation of a Growth Areas Delivery Team. The Queensland government's State Planner is working with Economic Development Queensland to establish the Growth Areas Delivery Team.

Our state's population is booming. This team will ensure Queenslanders can buy a home, whether it is their first or next home, in the neighbourhoods of the future—neighbourhoods that are livable and sustainable and that offer enjoyable walking, biking and public transport options, housing diversity and a high level of connectivity. The team will pursue partnerships to identify, plan, fund and build Queensland's new growth areas. State and local government and the private sector will work together, meeting the increased demand for land, housing and the necessary supporting infrastructure.

I have asked the team to identify a pilot site, the first new growth area, by the end of this month because there is no time to wait. The Growth Areas Development Team will help deliver exciting new planned communities so Queensland continues to be the place to be.