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Caboolture West, Development

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning) (9.45 am): I am pleased to advise the House that a new neighbourhood at Caboolture West has been selected as the first new growth area to accelerate land supply in the south-east. It follows my recent announcement of a new Growth Areas Delivery Team taking on short-term land supply challenges facing the south-east. I asked that the team's first priority be to identify a pilot site where the state and council can work together with the private sector and utility providers to support future housing needs.

Within Caboolture West, the Neighbourhood Development Plan 1 will be the first pilot site in a future growth program that will unlock growth, housing choice and affordability. Work will also identify the infrastructure necessary to support more affordable and livable communities. That is all part of the government's economic recovery plan to create more jobs and development in our state.

The specialist team has moved quickly to identify the Caboolture West area in Moreton Bay as the pilot site. The department is already working with the Moreton Bay Regional Council, Unitywater, the Department of Transport and Main Roads and landowners on the initial stage and ongoing development in that area. Working together on the pilot, we can test, evaluate and learn from a coordinated effort to plan for future housing needs.

In addition, to support this pilot the Palaszczuk government has awarded \$10.5 million in funding from the Building Acceleration Fund to deliver water supply and sewerage networks and a sewerage pumping station. It is expected that 100 new jobs will be generated as part of that infrastructure work alone. The provision of water and sewerage will be instrumental in kickstarting the delivery of approximately 3,000 new homes in the Caboolture West Neighbourhood Development Plan 1 area. The site is expected to eventually provide approximately 30,000 homes for around 70,000 people. Ultimately Caboolture West will be a major regional urban centre that will support 17,000 jobs and have many social benefits, including new health and education centres as well as sport and recreation facilities and plenty of new homes for Queenslanders.