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 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning) (9.45 am): Today I am pleased to announce that thousands of lots for new homes will be opened up on the Sunshine Coast. Economic Development Queensland has assessed and approved a total of 3,019 subdivision lots in the Caloundra South Priority Development Area. Ultimately, the Caloundra South PDA is expected to provide approximately 20,000 homes and create in the order of 15,000 jobs. There are plenty of people who would love to call the Sunshine Coast home and this will improve housing options and affordability for them.

The strong health response to the COVID-19 pandemic has driven the highest rate of net interstate migration in Australia to our state. The Centre for Population predicts the population of South-East Queensland alone will increase by 250,000 in the next four years. That is why we are accelerating land supply in the south-east. It is why I established the Growth Areas Team to address the current pressure on land supply and provide a mechanism for government, councils, developers and the industry to keep up with the increasing demand for land and housing and the supporting infrastructure that comes with that. The team includes the State Planner and Economic Development Queensland.

The Growth Areas Team have already made progress with the first pilot site in the heart of the rapidly growing corridor north of Brisbane at Caboolture West. This will be a new neighbourhood precinct of up to 3,000 new homes that will eventually provide approximately 30,000 homes for around 70,000 people and generate close to 23,000 jobs. The Growth Areas Team is now working on more sites in South-East Queensland where it can accelerate development and cater for Queensland's booming population. The Growth Areas Team have been hard at work developing the program required to deal with South-East Queensland's predicted population growth. To date the local government areas of Ipswich and Logan have brought significant land to market and the team will look at other areas that could benefit from new communities. The Palaszczuk government is getting on with the job of unlocking growth and offering housing choice whilst addressing affordability in order to build communities of the future.