




Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT

Buddina Urban Village

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.00 pm): I rise today to talk about a planning failure issue in my electorate with respect to the Buddina Urban Village just north of the Kawana Waters Life Saving Club. I refer to a letter dated 25 October 2022 from the Deputy Premier, Steven Miles, to Councillor Mark Jamieson, mayor of the Sunshine Coast. In the letter, the Deputy Premier says—

Thank you for the letter of 24 June from the Sunshine Coast Regional Council ... requesting a state interest review of the proposed major amendment—Site specific and editorial matters to the *Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014* ...

He goes on to say—

The enclosed condition requires the council to remove the proposed amendments that seek to change zoning and reduce the maximum building height in parts of the Buddina Urban Village.

He continues further—

The proposed amendments related to the Buddina Urban Village may not proceed at this time because I am not satisfied the state's interests relating to housing supply, affordability and diversity ...

This is a cop-out to my community in Buddina. We have a situation where council on two occasions has moved motions that the community, through a petition the community had, be consulted on a planning amendment that would reduce the height of a small portion of the north-east corner of Buddina Urban Village from 21 metres to 12 metres and change the density from high density to medium density. That is what the community want and on two occasions the Sunshine Coast Council voted for that. I table the letter.

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 25 October 2022, from the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure, Hon. Dr Steven Miles, to the Mayor, Sunshine Coast Regional Council, Councillor Mark Jamieson, regarding an amendment to the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 [1881](#).

Now the Deputy Premier is now overruling two council motions because the mayor lost on both occasions. We know that the mayor wants these heights and densities in this area, but the Deputy Premier is now overruling our local community. This area is where the endangered loggerhead turtles nest. It is one of the largest stretches of coastline in Queensland where the endangered loggerhead turtles nest and lay their eggs. If this community has towers with heights of up to 21 metres and becomes high density, those turtles will stop nesting on that beach site because of the light generated.

There are also erosion issues. For the sake of the environment and for the sake of lifestyle in the Buddina community, I call on the state government to butt out of this issue. There is a lack of public transport in the area and the state has not provided adequate road infrastructure to the area. They just think that putting high-density dwellings in there will fix housing affordability issues. The Deputy Premier,

as stated in his own letter, thinks housing affordability will be achieved by selling units that are beachside in Buddina. One of the high-rises has a penthouse for sale for about \$3.6 million at the moment. That is really affordable living! It may be to the Deputy Premier, but it is certainly not for most people.

I also table a letter from the Sunshine Coast Council showing that Councillor Peter Cox wanted to move a motion that he did not want councillors to see before the ordinary meeting. He writes to the mayor in that regard.

Tabled paper: Email, dated 17 June 2022, from Division 3, Sunshine Coast Council, to Councillor Peter Cox, titled 'Amendment—Changes to the proposed site specific and editorial matters Amendment—Buddina Urban village' [1882](#).

I say to the Deputy Premier: butt out of Buddina and let the community have their say on their housing stock.

(Time expired)