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PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT

Redlands Housing Strategy

 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (2.17 pm): I want to congratulate the Premier and the Minister for Housing, Minister Enoch, on bringing together next week's Queensland Housing Summit. It will be an excellent summit that will bring together some diverse minds and experience to work on the actions and strategies and develop solutions that will help us address the challenges that we are facing here in Queensland. I am looking forward to participating in that. Before politics I was a member of the Q Shelter board, and I think there will be some great work done.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate our Redlands Coast Chamber of Commerce. They established, with the support of our regional jobs committee, the Champion Redlands Coast initiative. RPS and Mark Wallace have been doing some excellent work. They have done multiple research studies on the opportunities our region presents. In September they released stage 3 of the Champion Redlands Coast: Implementation Strategy and Action Plan with five key pillars for priority action, the first being to look at diverse housing options because that is an absolute issue in the Redlands.

Having a relevant Housing Strategy is important for regions across Queensland. I have spoken about the Redlands Housing Strategy in this place before. It is a very poorly formed document. I think the mayor referred to it in her interview with Rebecca Levingston as a 'glossy document' that had not really done much. There is a reason it has not done much. The Redlands Housing Strategy was developed in 2011 to go to 2031, but it used data that was underpinned by 2006 census results—data that is nearly 20 years old. The mapping does not correlate with what has actually happened on the ground in reality over the last decade. It barely mentioned the Southern Moreton Bay Islands and the rapid and enormous growth that has been occurring on those islands.

The strategy had 55 actions, with a promised annual review and reporting on those actions. Not one of those annual reviews over the last 10 years ever happened. It also committed to undertaking a five-yearly full review of the strategy which should have occurred in 2016 and 2021. That never happened. There are issues there, so I am really pleased the state government has stepped in to assist Redland City Council, which has rejected updating that strategy, to help them get that really good piece of work.

I was disappointed in Councillor Golle's opinion piece yesterday where he said that he had lost trust. The irony of that, coming from a councillor who rejected doing that good piece of planning work! I would ask Councillor Golle, who voted against updating that housing strategy, 'Why is it that you do not want to do that good piece of planning work?' His statements in relation to the Cleveland Redland Bay Road would suggest he has never left his house. I am happy to take him down there and show him the \$110 million worth of work that is now well underway.