




Speech By
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 **Mr MELLISH** (Aspley—ALP) (6.15 pm): Works will begin this week on the final 25 terrace home lots at Carseldine Village. Delivery of the homes in stage 4B, as well as stage 5 development lots, are being supported by an almost \$8 million investment from the government, with Queensland owned civil construction company Shadforth set to continue works. Release of these final terrace homes and land packages is anticipated by May. When stage 4B is complete Carseldine Village will contain 182 residential freehold terrace homes.

The village is an exemplar of sustainable development—the first residential development in Queensland to commit to delivering 100 per cent net zero energy emission homes with energy saving features. Each home has PV solar, battery storage, wi-fi air-conditioning systems controlled by smart phones and heat pump hot-water systems, saving home owners substantially on electricity bills. Additionally, garages will include a power outlet ready to accommodate future electric vehicles. With Carseldine Village we are making sustainable living affordable.

Sensitive environmental habitat has been preserved and even enhanced, all whilst also managing to build fantastic sporting facilities and parkland open to the community on the site—more than 18 hectares of green and open space. The Cabbage Tree Creek bushland has been enhanced with the planting of over 12,000 new plants, trees and scrubs and the installation of over 200 nesting boxes.

These are freehold homes—no body corporate, right next door to Carseldine station where people can be in the CBD in less than 30 minutes and, of course, adjacent to the Beams Road overpass that we are getting on with next door. These are 182 sustainable, affordable homes in a great community which would not exist if we had listened to the LNP. The LNP opposed it at every level. They wound up locals with misinformation, they ran campaigns from their offices and they opposed it at every step. The federal LNP local member and local councillor are happy to come along to the Carseldine Village ribbon cuttings and happy to get their photos taken at the openings. It is great to see that they support it now, but it would have been useful about six years ago.

Before its opening, I was happy to take Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and the member for Lilley, Anika Wells—in her first visit after being appointed the aged care minister—to Rockpool, the new aged-care facility. It is a fantastic facility. Despite campaigning on it for over half a decade, we can see the benefit now. It is great that locals are moving in and enjoying it.

It was great to visit recently the fantastic new prep classrooms at Aspley State School. They will be ready for term 2. The new car park has been completed down near Maundrell Terrace. On these hot March days it is fantastic to see these new air-conditioned classrooms ready for use. I cannot wait to see them when they are open.