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South East Queensland Regional Plan

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure) (9.39 am): It is no wonder so many people want to call the south-east home. We have a booming economy, record new jobs and a great lifestyle. Last month we released the draft South East Queensland Regional Plan update to guide our response to delivering more homes sooner for our growing population.

I am pleased to update the House today on how consultation on our plan is progressing. We have been engaging with communities from Noosa to the Gold Coast and out to Toowoomba. We are keen to hear from as many people across the region as possible, and I am advised that the first round of events has now been completed. Nearly 400 people attended face-to-face meetings and a further 11,000 made online contributions.

Today I am pleased to advise the House that a second round of in-person consultation is underway after councils and CoMSEQ requested them. Additional events are being held in each of the region's 12 local government areas to allow Queenslanders more opportunities to have their say. Noosa and Ipswich happened last Friday and this week consultation is taking place on the Sunshine Coast, Somerset, Toowoomba, Moreton Bay, Scenic Rim, in Brisbane, on the Gold Coast, in Logan and Redland Bay before wrapping up in the Lockyer Valley next month.

The latest modelling tells us that 2.2 million more people will call South-East Queensland home by 2046, bringing the region's population to six million. This means South-East Queensland will need almost 9,000 more homes over the next 25 years. Every part of our region is unique. That is why we will continue to work closely with the community, councils, industry and other key stakeholders between now and the finalisation of the plan by the end of the year to take on board feedback.

A key priority is creating more choice and more affordable options for Queenslanders. We want to provide more opportunities for young people to buy their first home, for workers to live close to their jobs and for older Queenslanders looking to downsize but stay within a connected community. With consultation wrapping up on 20 September, I encourage Queenslanders living in the south-east to register for an event locally and have their say if they have not done so already. This is about planning ahead for what we know Queenslanders will need and building more of the Queensland we love while protecting our environment and lifestyle.