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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Ms PUGH** (Mount Ommaney—ALP) (7.51 pm): I rise to make a brief contribution on the Economic Development and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 as a fairly new member of the committee. I thank my committee colleagues at the outset and in particular our chair, the member for Logan, and our deputy chair, the member for Mermaid Beach. He will always be the ‘member for mermaid’ to me although his correct title is the member for Mermaid Beach.

The report notes a number of objectives to be achieved by the bill and those include to increase the housing supply, affordability and diversity to create additional pathways for EDQ to facilitate the delivery of social and affordable housing while aligning with government targets and priorities. It also includes investment powers to include undertaking investment activities in property assets as a function of the Minister for Economic Development Queensland and amendments for operational efficiencies to implement measures to deliver operational efficiencies for the Minister for Economic Development Queensland’s existing functions.

In my own community of Mount Ommaney and specifically in the suburb of Oxley we have a perfect example of one of the EDQ priority development areas—PDAs—and the development opportunities it can provide for communities. The community of Oxley is no longer a greenfield site but there was an old school that was disused as a school site for 20-odd years. However, in the intervening years it served numerous other purposes, including as a police training ground, before the facility was no longer used for any of those purposes and it became a PDA site. They have done a fantastic job with the PDA and we are now starting to see the fruits of that including moving the much loved but terribly flood affected Yuingi kindergarten out of the flood plain and onto higher ground on the same site so it no longer floods. It is providing 80 new houses for people to move into as well as aged care and retirement living. There is also going to be full bushland restoration on part of the site and the provision of lots of parkland.

There is no doubt that EDQ and the PDAs that they work on have a really important role to play in building homes for Queenslanders, both for people who already live here and, of course, as has been noted by previous speakers, the large number of people who are moving to Queensland because where else in the world would they want to live? It is the best place to live, to work and to raise a family. This bill will enable the government to—

**Mr Crandon:** Coomera.

**Ms PUGH:** I am going to take that as an interjection. Indeed, it is the best place to live, work and raise a family. However, I disagree that that would be Coomera; I think it is Mount Ommaney. With that small disagreement aside, I commend the bill to the House.