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PRIVATE MEMBER STATEMENT

South Brisbane, Visy Site

 **Dr O'SHEA** (South Brisbane—ALP) (2.30 pm): I rise to speak about the redevelopment plans for the Visy site in my community of South Brisbane. The seven-hectare site on Montague Road in South Brisbane is state owned riverfront land and is currently being used by Visy Glass as a recycling and manufacturing facility. This land was purchased by the Palaszczuk government to be the temporary location for the International Broadcast Centre during the 2032 games. The Deputy Premier announced in May the site would no longer be used for the broadcasting centre and instead alternative uses would be explored such as new housing, economic development and community use.

You would think at this point that the government might have asked the local community for their views on how to use the last parcel of state owned land in the area, but, no, that did not happen. This is where the plot thickens. Under the planning rules for the area around the Visy site, developers had to include at least one housing affordability or diversity measure such as dedicating 20 per cent of homes as affordable housing or long-term rental options. These planning rules ensured that, as the roughly 24,000 new homes for the area were built, a share of these would be set aside for frontline workers and for families and young renters struggling in the rental market. It meant new height and density increases were tied to real community benefit.

Three weeks ago the Deputy Premier, as planning minister, quietly removed all of those housing affordability requirements without any public consultation. With the stroke of a pen, he took away 4,800 affordable homes in an area with parks and riverbanks full of people living in tents, desperate for affordable housing. Then, 10 days later, the government invited private developers to submit proposals for development at the Visy site with no mention of affordable housing and with no community consultation.

My residents are worried that the redevelopment of the Visy site will not meet community needs such as providing public green space, affordable housing and schools. They are concerned about the lack of transparency of the redevelopment plan. My community wants to know whether the land will be retained as a public asset and leased like at South Bank or whether this public asset—this huge area of state owned land—will be sold off to private developers and, if so, under what terms. On behalf of my community I ask the Deputy Premier to undertake formal community consultation on the future use of the Visy site, as promised, and that this feedback be incorporated into any decision regarding the redevelopment of this site.