



Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Banyo, Housing

 **Hon. LM LINARD** (Nudgee—ALP) (9.03 pm): Last Tuesday the circus came to town when the Deputy Premier pushed open the gates to the six-hectare former Energex depot site in Banyo and announced it was being sold to the highest bidder to build up to 400 new homes onsite. According to this LNP government, the site had been sitting idle for 10 years for no reason. Thank heavens the LNP had come to the rescue!

Unfortunately for the Deputy Premier, he underestimated our community—a fact he discovered when locals noticed his press conference and turned up to tell him exactly what they thought of his performance. I am told that as hard as the Deputy Premier's spin doctors tried to distract and silence my locals at the presser, they were determined to have their say. Instead of answering their questions, they tell me he turned tail and ran—ran from the truth, ran from the reality.

The truth is that that site is contaminated by PFAS, asbestos and toxic bioaccumulative contaminants linked to the former Energex activities onsite. There are visible groundwater testing sites all over the land—clearly evident during his press conference—but of course there was not one mention by the Deputy Premier that the site had been undergoing intensive remediation for contaminants since 2016 or that the site had ongoing PFAS levels in groundwater samples above the acceptable level as recently as 2024, all of which meant it could not legally be developed. There was also no mention that the majority of that site remains on the Environmental Management Register under a site management plan because of ongoing contamination.

According to the Deputy Premier's narrative, if the LNP had been in government prior to 2024 he would have just railroaded any appropriate remediation and allowed our children and families to play and live on asbestos and PFAS riddled dirt. Not on my watch, Deputy Premier! Confirming that soil and groundwater testing is now at an acceptable level to safely allow development is just the first question my community wants answered. Here is the second: the LNP has announced up to 400 homes. My community supports housing. We live in the best part of Brisbane. Of course we understand people want to call our community home, but up to an additional 800 people on that site, on our local roads? Really? That scale of density is well beyond—

Mr O'Connor interjected.

Ms LINARD: Let the record show the Minister for Housing called my local residents 'NIMBYs'. Thank you very much. That makes you even more popular in Nudgee. That scale of density is well beyond what would ordinarily be expected for a block of that size and beyond what is proposed in the local planning scheme. So where did the number come from? What will they do about flooding impacts and sewerage issues onsite? My community wants answers, not political stunts and grandstanding.