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Mount Peter Priority Development Area

 **Mr JAMES** (Mulgrave—LNP) (2.58 pm): Recently the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations, Jarrod Bleijie MP, declared the Mount Peter area in Mulgrave a priority development area, or PDA. PDAs are established under the Economic Development Act 2012 and are managed by Economic Development Queensland. Each area is subject to a specific development scheme which outlines the planning and assessment framework unique to that locality.

These schemes are tailored to accelerate and coordinate growth, streamline approvals and ensure that infrastructure and services are delivered efficiently to meet community needs. As a result, PDAs play a vital role in shaping the future of Queensland's urban and regional landscapes, fostering investment and sustainable development across the state.

I was pleased to hear from the Deputy Premier, the Hon. Jarrod Bleijie MP, about the decision to grant a priority development area across the Mount Peter locality. I have been working closely with the Cairns Regional Council and the Deputy Premier's office to assist with this determination. The Mount Peter southern growth corridor covers a total land area of 3,300 hectares between Edmonton and Gordonvale. The area has a capacity to deliver 18,500 new dwellings, or up to 42,500 new residents. Acknowledging the housing crisis our region is enduring, opening up a large supply of housing blocks will make a huge difference for residents seeking a place they can call home. By declaring Mount Peter a priority development area it will provide fast-track development and infrastructure delivery—roadworks, public transportation and utilities such as water, sewerage, power and connectivity—therefore delivering better housing and community infrastructure faster.

The Crisafulli government is delivering a major step forward for housing supply in Far North Queensland with the declaration of a new priority development area in Mulgrave. The priority development area will unlock 18,500 new homes with 200 to be fast-tracked through an early release area. Once fully developed the priority area will cater for over 42,000 new residents. An interim land use plan is now in effect and enables development applications to proceed immediately for the early development area. Economic Development Queensland will work with Cairns Regional Council, industry and the community to deliver the right infrastructure in the right place at the right time. I would like to thank the Deputy Premier for this important declaration for the seat of Mulgrave. This declaration will ease Labor's housing crisis and give more Queenslanders a place to call home.