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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Housing Affordability**

 **Mr WHITING** (Bancroft—ALP) (9.12 pm): The Deputy Premier and the Crisafulli government are steadily making housing affordability worse in Queensland with their actions. How bad has housing affordability become under the LNP? As we heard yesterday, the cost of an entry-level market home in Brisbane is now more expensive than in Sydney. Brisbane entry-level house prices are up 20.6 per cent in just 12 months under the LNP. It takes almost five years to save a 20 per cent deposit for an entry-level unit and over six years to save for an entry-level house. This is the LNP's housing affordability crisis.

The LNP have made their housing affordability crisis worse by axing the delivery of social and affordable homes. They have axed the pipeline of thousands of affordable homes on the Gold Coast and the Sunshine Coast and in Brisbane. Now public land development—on land we all own—no longer has social and affordable housing requirements. For example, at Mango Hill we have 1.5 hectares of land across two sites where the LNP want to put 250 dwellings, but they are silent on how many mandated social and affordable homes will be part of that development. At Banyo, as the member for Nudgee was just talking about, the LNP have said they want 'diverse housing outcomes' on that particular block—I thank the member for Nudgee once again for bringing that to our attention—however, they do not have anything online about what those requirements are going to be and, as the member has said, they have scrapped plans to mandate affordable housing.

At the South Brisbane site—and I thank the member for South Brisbane for this—the LNP have removed the social and affordable housing requirements in the temporary local planning instrument. Out of 4,000 homes, there are no mandated social or affordable homes on a site that does have flooding issues. With the Hamilton North Shore PDA Labor planned for 14,000 dwellings over 20 years; five per cent were supposed to be social and affordable homes. Those requirements were axed under the LNP. At Woolloongabba the Lord Mayor of Brisbane called for a 30 per cent target for affordable homes but that was rejected. Instead of having developments with social and affordable housing requirements, publicly owned land is being handed over on a platter to major unit developers. That public land will now generate little direct public benefit but greater private benefit for these developers.

We have heard from the Deputy Premier about how you solve the housing affordability crisis. He talks about supply, supply, supply, which is no real solution at all. You cannot get supply, supply, supply if there is no supply of affordable homes. You cannot get supply, supply, supply if you only have a monopoly of supply for luxury units. You cannot get supply, supply, supply for social and affordable homes when you sell off government land to luxury unit builders.