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## ADJOURNMENT

### Banyo, Housing

 **Hon. LM LINARD** (Nudgee—ALP) (9.06 pm): Last sitting week I stood in this House to draw attention to the recent debacle of an announcement by the LNP government that the six-hectare former Energex depot site in Banyo is to be sold to the highest bidder to build up to 400 new homes. It was a debacle, of course, because this LNP government left a few key details out of their announcement. They left out words like ‘contamination’, ‘asbestos’, ‘PFAS’ and ‘arsenic’. I do not think I got to mention arsenic last time I spoke. They are inconvenient words to this LNP government but the truth of the matter nonetheless.

I am not going to cover the same ground tonight because everyone in my community is more than aware and across the history of the site and its long-term remediation. Tonight there are other issues my community want me to canvass. They are issues that I had intended to speak about in my speech last sitting week, but I ran out of time after I was forced to defend my community from the unprofessional ranting of the housing minister when he interjected on my speech to call my local residents NIMBYs. That is the last thing they are. What they are is legitimately concerned.

My community welcomes housing on that site. It is the scale of density and what that means for the existing infrastructure that is the key issue here. If this LNP government actually cared enough to listen to locals rather than call them names, they would hear that one in three have reported having already experienced flooding from run-off in the area, nearly half have reported sewerage or drainage issues at their property and an overwhelming majority—more than 93 per cent—are concerned about the capacity of the local road network to handle up to 400 additional homes and the likely upwards of 800 extra cars.

These are the issues that hundreds of residents have already raised via my community survey or with me personally while I am out doorknocking all of the homes in the surrounding area. These are the issues that must be resolved before a development of this magnitude is even considered. As one resident put it—

Our sewerage and drainage issues are well known ... this will put significant pressure on an already broken drainage system.

We have seen no investment from the Brisbane City Council in the area to address the issues we have now—none—and already the local councillor is doing his usual trick of buck-passing, this time to EDQ. My community now has an LNP state government which is more interested in stunts than real consultation, an LNP councillor who does not stand up for locals and a former LNP federal member appointed as the CEO of EDQ making decisions for the community. My community want to have their say, and I will keep standing up in this House week after week to make sure the voices in my community are heard because they deserve nothing less.