

## Question on Notice

No. 1609

Asked on Thursday, 30 October 2008

**MR LINGARD** asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning (MR LUCAS) –

QUESTION:

With reference to an article in *The Courier Mail* on 24 October—

(1) Will he confirm that the Government intends to 'downzone' the Narangba Industrial Estate and relocate toxic industries to the Bromelton State Development Area?

(2) If so, will he indicate a timeframe when these industries are likely to be relocated to Bromelton?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Beaudesert for his questions.

I would like to reaffirm the content of my full statement to the Courier Mail on 24 October 2008:

“In the past industrial estates established in good faith have been threatened by councils allowing residential development too close. This isn't good for homeowners and it isn't good for industry.

“That's why the State Government is working to ensure we not only have planning policies in place to keep noxious, hazardous and offensive industry and homes apart but also to fix some of the mistakes of the past.

“Early next year we will release our draft State Planning Policy for high-impact industries for public feedback. The policy will deal with new requirements for high-impact industries, where they can be located, as well as making specific provisions for buffer zones and noise and gas emissions.

“This will help provide the certainty that both the community and industry are looking for.

“We are currently negotiating with two business owners within the Narangba Industrial Estate about relocating from existing sites to more appropriate locations within the estate. Any such move would require the new sites to be larger to accommodate buildings and internal infrastructure such as catchment ponds that meet the strictest environmental standards.

“Apart from these negotiations we have already determined that any remaining government owned undeveloped and serviced sites in precinct two of the estate will carry covenants to prevent use for special industry purposes, effectively down-zoning

the sites to general industrial use. This down-zoning will also apply to the sites vacated by the businesses we are currently negotiating with.

“And people have already seen the new direction we're taking with industry on a larger scale in the government's State Development Areas including Abbot Point and Curtis Island at Gladstone.

“Not only are industries being asked to include generous buffer zones within their development applications but we're also allocating more room between those operations and the community through extra buffer areas and environmental management precincts.”