

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1944**

**Asked on Thursday 26 November 2009**

**MS DARLING** asked the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning (Mr HINCHLIFFE) –

### **QUESTION:**

Will the Minister provide an update on the progress of the Urban Development Area at Fitzgibbon?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Honourable Member for Sandgate for her question.

The development scheme for the Fitzgibbon Urban Development Area (UDA) was gazetted on 24 July 2009.

Fitzgibbon Chase will be built in stages over the next 5 years, and is expected to provide more than 1500 new homes. Stages 1-4 of Fitzgibbon Chase are currently under construction, and will provide more than 250 homes, with the next sales release targeted for January 2010.

A development application has been lodged for stage 5 of Fitzgibbon Chase incorporating a half-hectare park to link with the area's planned network of parkland and green open space. Stage 5 offers a variety of options with standard lots ranging in size from 250 square metres to over 500 square metres. A diverse range of homes will be available from traditional detached homes to attached and terraced residences and will include the highly sought after loft homes.

These designs have proven to be extremely popular with purchasers in Stages 1 to 4. House and land packages in stage 5 are expected to be available for sale in mid 2010. In addition to a diverse mix of lot sizes, densities, housing types and designs, there will be an extensive network of pedestrian and cycle paths to ensure the area is a well connected and healthy, pedestrian-friendly community to live in.

The Brisbane Housing Company (BHC) has recently lodged a development application for a six star Energy Efficiency Rating (EER) green development with 64 studio, loft, one and two bedroom apartments over five buildings averaging four storeys in height.

It is envisaged that these apartments will be rented by a mix of families, singles, couples, seniors and students; tenants of BHC, Queensland Department of Housing and the Federal Government's National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS). BHC's development, if approved, would receive significant Federal Government funding under NRAS.

The Urban Land Development Authority (ULDA) and BHC are committed to promoting a strong sense of community within their developments. This will be achieved at Fitzgibbon Chase by building a community centre, weaving pedestrian and cycle paths throughout residential development to increase connectivity, and the provision of parklands with shared amenities bringing residents together in their leisure time.

The ULDA has also recently received \$2.1 million from the Federal Government's Jobs Fund to develop vital infrastructure and create valuable employment opportunities for the local area. The funding will enhance the commitment the ULDA has made to the local community and contribute towards two major projects for Fitzgibbon, the new community centre and bushland walking trails. The ULDA will oversee 100 jobs and traineeships providing an important investment in the local economy.