

Question on Notice

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MR PUCCI asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (MR SEENEY) –

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline how the South East Queensland Regional Plan review will benefit the Logan area, specifically in the areas of economy growth, affordable housing and infrastructure planning?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Logan for his question.

I am currently reviewing the regional plan for South East Queensland which is projected to have an additional 2.4 million residents between 2011 and 2041. The review involves extensive consultations with a wide range of stakeholders including all of the South East Queensland mayors and the development industry.

The new regional plan will progress the government's objective of encouraging economic growth by removing unnecessary constraints to development. The government has already demonstrated its intentions in this area through the recent amendments to the South East Queensland Regional Plan State Planning Regulatory Provisions. These amendments removed a layer of regulation that was stifling tourism and other development proposals in various parts of the region including Logan City.

In relation to the new regional plan, I am determined that there will be an adequate supply of development land that can be brought to market quickly and cost effectively. This will ensure a competitive market and improve the affordability of housing and land for other purposes. This is an important outcome for the whole region and particularly for Logan and other fast growing councils.

I am also investigating ways of speeding up the planning and development assessment processes to ensure that land can be developed and brought to market more quickly. This will reduce holding costs and uncertainties for developers and the resultant cost savings should be reflected in lower prices paid by end purchasers.

In relation to the issue you raised about infrastructure planning, I understand that this is an important consideration for an area like Logan City which has a number of development fronts including the large new growth areas at Yarrabilba and Greater Flagstone.

The new regional plan will provide a clear, agreed framework for the future development of the region that will allow infrastructure providers to plan with confidence. The state government also intends to work in close cooperation with local governments and other key infrastructure providers to resolve infrastructure issues ‘up front’ for major development areas identified in the new regional plan.