

## Question on Notice

No. 1582

Asked on 11 December 2025

**HON C DICK** asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations (HON J BLEIJIE) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the former Labor Government's amendment of the Economic Development Act 2012 in March 2024 to strengthen Economic Development Queensland's (EDQ) remit to deliver more housing, including social and affordable housing and expand the main purpose of the Act to include 'the provision of diverse housing, including, for example, social housing and affordable housing'—

Will the Deputy Premier advise how the removal of social, affordable and diverse housing requirements from PDA development schemes is consistent with the Act's purpose to provide diverse, social and affordable housing?

ANSWER:

Recent amendments to Priority Development Area development schemes still enable the delivery of social and affordable housing. Economic Development Queensland (EDQ) continues to work with industry and government partners to facilitate housing diversity through performance-based planning and fit for purpose regulatory instruments.

Owing to the layers of red tape embedded in Labor's failed Woolloongabba Priority Development Area, not one residential development started construction since the scheme was approved.

Additionally, the former Labor Government were secretly proposing a 20 per cent increase to infrastructure charges in the Draft Development Charges and Offset Plan. This increased tax on housing has been subsequently scrapped by the Crisafulli Government, and Development Charges are now capped at the standard Council rate.

Overly prescriptive requirements can increase cost, complexity and risk, which may deter investment and delay housing delivery. EDQ's approach is focused on creating conditions that enable housing supply at scale and pace by streamlining regulation and supporting viable development outcomes.