



Speech by

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PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT, INDOOROOPILLY

Mr LEE (Indooroopilly—ALP) (6.59 pm): I rise in the House tonight to place firmly and squarely on the record my opposition to proposals by Mirvac and the Indooroopilly Golf Club to develop several hundred units in the Long Pocket part of Indooroopilly. Building hundreds of units at the proposed location is, quite simply, silly.

I understand that the proposal lodged with the council has quite dramatically underestimated the impact of the traffic associated with this type of development. Part of the application included a comparison of traffic use, based on cars leaving, between a particular unit building in Taringa, which is within a couple of hundred metres of a railway station and various other bus stops, and the units proposed to be built in Long Pocket, which is not as regularly serviced by Brisbane City Council buses and is, quite frankly, miles away from the Indooroopilly Railway Station. To suggest that any sensible comparison could be made between the two sites in a transport sense is absolutely stupid and I believe quite mischievous. The road traffic impact will be quite dramatic. The roads in the area are not up to that amount of traffic. I do not believe that there is any significant proposal by the developer to upgrade these roads. Quite frankly, that is not good enough.

A significant loss of parkland is proposed. I understand that one of the suggestions of Mirvac to make up for this loss involves designating part of the hard shoulder of the road as some place that should be considered parkland or should be considered recreational. It is absolutely ludicrous and stupid to take away local parkland and then suggest to local families that an appropriate place for them to—

Mr English: To play with their kids.

Mr LEE: I take that interjection from the member for Redlands. To say that an appropriate place for local families to play with their kids is the hard shoulder of a busy road is absolutely appalling.

The Brisbane City Council and all of its city councillors should quite simply say no to this development. When there were proposals for a natural sciences precinct to be built very near there I led the campaign against it, and this state government quashed that development. This is an opportunity for the Brisbane City Council to do exactly the same for the local community.

I have now attended two major public meetings in that area. There is significant community unrest over this. What disturbs me is the mischievous way in which some political figures in the Brisbane City Council are trying to shift responsibility for making this decision away from themselves, who actually make the decision, and throw it back upon the state government, suggesting that in some way the Integrated Planning Act does not give them the ability to say no to this proposal. Quite frankly, it does. This is about Brisbane city councillors having power but refusing to take responsibility.