

Gold Coast Waterways

Ms CROFT: My question is to the Minister for Main Roads. Can the minister update the House on what the Bligh government is doing to ensure a positive future for the Gold Coast's favourite waterway, the Broadwater? Can the minister also advise if there are any alternative plans for the Broadwater?

Mr WALLACE: I can. I thank the member for Broadwater for her question. I am pleased to announce here today that, following continuous and unrelenting representations from the member for Broadwater, the Bligh government will commit to a partnership with the Gold Coast City Council to develop a master plan for the Broadwater on the Gold Coast. My Department of Transport and Main Roads will contribute \$750,000 to the cost of the plan as an equal partner with the Gold Coast City Council. The master plan will be carried out under the auspices of the Gold Coast Waterways Steering Committee another initiative that has been championed by the member for Broadwater. This partnership comes on top of our nearly \$7 million worth of dredging works to the Broadwater that are in the pipeline or have been recently completed. These dredging works are jointly funded through a partnership between the state, the council and industry, getting on with the job on that Broadwater.

But this funding is under threat. Like the member for Broadwater, I was shocked to find out recently that Campbell Newman has released his policy for the Broadwater, and his answer for the Broadwater is to set up another bureaucracy. All the money that we have committed to real projects and real dredging will be funnelled into more red tape and more committees. That is his answer not dredging but red tape and committees. But that is not all this Newman has been up to on the Gold Coast. Indeed, talk is rife on the Gold Coast that Newman will fund any works on the Broadwater as only Campbell Newman knows how to through a toll. I table a document which has been circulating on the Gold Coast.

Tabled paper: Document in relation to dredging of the Gold Coast Broadwater and Main Channel to Moreton Bay, Brisbane.

The proposal reportedly under consideration is for an annual fee to be applied to all residential waterfront properties if they want to continue to access the water. All properties will be paying a fee if they want to continue to access the water. That is Campbell Newman's plan for the Broadwater. He has form. Let us not forget that it was this Newman who promised everything to the people of Brisbane and all he gave them was a bankrupt tunnel, the baking hot King George Square and council rates that have gone through the roof. Now he wants to tax the people living on the Broadwater to fund some dredging. He has his sights set on the Gold Coast. Just as he jacked up the rates for people living in the CBD of Brisbane, he wants to jack up the rates for people living on the Gold Coast.

The member for Broadwater and the Bligh government will fight Campbell Newman every step of the way as he attempts to tax the people living on the Broadwater. We will fight him on this unequal tax, just as we will fight him on the toll on the Bruce Highway.

(Time expired)

Mr SPEAKER: Order! The time for question time is over.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL (DECLARATION) AMENDMENT BILL

Introduction

 **Hon. PT LUCAS** (Lytton—ALP) (Deputy Premier and Attorney-General, Minister for Local Government and Special Minister of State) (11.01 am): I present a bill for an act to amend the Local Government Electoral Act 2011 for a particular purpose. I table the bill and the explanatory notes.

Tabled paper: Local Government Electoral (Declaration) Amendment Bill 2011.

Tabled paper: Local Government Electoral (Declaration) Amendment Bill 2011, explanatory notes.

I refer to the Clerk's statement on Tuesday, 6 September regarding an administrative error in the Local Government Electoral Bill 2011 as provided to Her Excellency for assent. The administrative error in the renumbering of particular cross references within the commencement provisions occurred between the bill being passed and receiving assent—that is, the commencement provisions in the bill debated in this House were as they should have been. The error was made during the bill to act process when the bill was renumbered to include the amendments passed during the consideration of the bill in detail.

On the advice of the Clerk, the most appropriate course of action is to pass further legislation to correct this error. On this advice I introduce the Local Government Electoral (Declaration) Amendment Bill 2011 to amend the Local Government Electoral Act 2011 to rectify this administrative error. The bill puts beyond doubt the validity of the act, the validity of assent purportedly given to the act and the validity of the intended commencement provisions of the act as passed.

Mr Speaker, I am advised that the Clerk has briefed the Committee of the Legislative Assembly and that the committee agreed on the proposed course of action. I commend the bill to the House.

First Reading

 **Hon. PT LUCAS** (Lytton—ALP) (Deputy Premier and Attorney-General, Minister for Local Government and Special Minister of State) (11.03 am): I move—

That the bill be now read a first time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

Second Reading

 **Hon. PT LUCAS** (Lytton—ALP) (Deputy Premier and Attorney-General, Minister for Local Government and Special Minister of State) (11.03 am): I move—

That the bill be now read a second time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a second time.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Consideration in Detail

Clauses 1 to 3, as read, agreed to.

Third Reading

 **Hon. PT LUCAS** (Lytton—ALP) (Deputy Premier and Attorney-General, Minister for Local Government and Special Minister of State) (11.04 am): I move—

That the bill be now read a third time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a third time.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Long Title

 **Hon. PT LUCAS** (Lytton—ALP) (Deputy Premier and Attorney-General, Minister for Local Government and Special Minister of State) (11.04 am): I move—

That the long title of the bill be agreed to.

Question put—That the long title of the bill be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

~~BUILDING BOOST GRANT BILL~~

~~Introduction and Referral to the Finance and Administration Committee~~

 **Hon. AP FRASER** (Mount Coot th—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for State Development and Trade) (11.04 am): I present a bill for an act to assist housing affordability, increase housing supply, and support employment in the housing construction industry, by establishing a scheme for the payment of grants to persons building or purchasing new homes, and to amend the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971. I table the bill and the explanatory notes. I nominate the Finance and Administration Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper: Building Boost Grant Bill 2011.

Tabled paper: Building Boost Grant Bill 2011, explanatory notes.

~~The Building Boost Grant Bill 2011 implements the 2011 12 state budget announcement of a Queensland Building Boost. This initiative is designed to stimulate the housing market by payment of a grant to assist affordability of housing, increase the supply of housing and support employment in the housing construction industry in Queensland.~~

~~The Queensland Building Boost is a grant of \$10,000, running between 1 August 2011 and 31 January 2012, for the purchase or construction of a new home in Queensland valued at less than \$600,000 inclusive of the land. It is open to both homebuyers and investors. An applicant who is an individual must be at least 18 and an Australian citizen or permanent resident. Corporations and trustees are also eligible to apply, subject to eligibility tests.~~