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Toondah Harbour Priority Development Area

 **Dr ROBINSON** (Cleveland—LNP) (3.33 pm): The Toondah Harbour priority development project has reached another milestone and is now approaching an exciting stage. Along with the Weinam Creek PDA, this is the most important project in the Redlands for 20 to 30 years. Recently, the Redland City Council approved a revised scheme that is now with EDQ for preparation for the expression of interest. The councillors from Redland City Council voted 10-1 to support the revised scheme which was the result of a substantial consultation process and community feedback. Over 2,000 people from the Redland city area provided feedback in some form—mostly positive—showing high levels of community awareness and strong levels of support for the project. Stakeholder groups, including those representing community, business and environmental interests, have also had their say and have been largely positive.

Ten expert reports have been published by Jones Lang LaSalle, Cardno, Deicke Richards, BAAM Ecological Consultants, frc environmental and Engeny. These reports considered the Toondah Harbour upgrade with respect to the local ecology, economies, stormwater drainage, traffic, water and sewers, and they informed what will be the new development scheme. The state government now has the task of working within this revised framework to ensure that the project attracts suitable investors and provides the greatest public benefit and economic opportunities for the residents of Cleveland and Redland city. In the EOI stage, development applications will have to demonstrate how building structures will protect views, provide open space for the public, achieve good urban design outcomes and provide new recreational opportunities and better access to the foreshore, among other outcomes. As I have previously stated, any proposal to dredge or develop a marina would be strictly governed by the Marine Parks Act 2004, which requires detailed environmental assessment, mitigation strategies and environmental offsets to ensure any marina development does not detract from environmental values.

In conclusion, the LNP government is committed to finding the right balance, the right fit, for Toondah Harbour for locals and visitors alike and a world-class gateway and transport hub to Moreton Bay and North Stradbroke Island. This project fits our commitment to transition North Stradbroke Island to a non-sandmining future. Further, Toondah Harbour fits the LNP government's commitment to support economic development and development for community purposes. We are serious about working in partnership with local governments and ensuring they are empowered to plan for their own communities. I commend our government and the council for this partnership and for the leadership that has been 20 years in the making.