

PERRY LAKES REDEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2010

Receipt and First Reading

Bill received from the Assembly; and, on motion by **Hon Robyn McSweeney (Minister for Child Protection)**, read a first time.

Second Reading

HON ROBYN McSWEENEY (South West — Minister for Child Protection) [5.42 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a second time.

The purpose of this bill is to amend the Perry Lakes Redevelopment Act 2005, which holds the state responsible for the administration of building control in the Perry Lakes area, and instead to allow local government, that being the Town of Cambridge, to administer the provisions under part XV of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960.

The original concept of the Perry Lakes Redevelopment Act followed debates over the merits of various development approval functions between the government of the day and the Town of Cambridge. The government wanted to acquire certain functions in respect of any building to be constructed at the Perry Lakes land, including the ability to administer building and demolition licence applications; to assess, approve or refuse applications for building or demolition licences; to enforce compliance with the building regulations 1989, together with building codes and standards; to number the allotments in a subdivision; to monitor verge deposits; and to accept appropriate fees.

It was determined at the time that these particular development approval functions be allocated to the Minister for Housing under the Department of Housing and Works portfolio rather than to the relevant local government. This was effected through the enactment of section 36 of the act which prescribed that building approval on the Perry Lakes land be made to the housing minister as though a reference to either the local government or the chief executive officer of the local government under applicable building laws were a reference to the housing minister. Since then, substantive issues have been resolved and there is support among the Department of Planning, the Department of Housing and the Town of Cambridge for these relevant development approval functions to be returned to local government.

The bill seeks to repeal the operative effect of section 36, which already contains in-built provisions that allow for the section to cease effect on completion day. The bill will amend section 36 by deleting all references to “completion day” and replace them with the phrase “transition day”. The purpose behind this format is to provide necessary transitional arrangements. I therefore seek the support of members for this bill, which amends the Perry Lakes Redevelopment Act 2005 by repealing the operative effect of section 36 to allow the Town of Cambridge to administer development approval functions for the Perry Lakes redevelopment project.

I commend this bill to the house.

Debate adjourned, pursuant to standing orders.