

We The People
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Cheek to Jowl living

The State labor government has introduced a plan for South East Queensland until 2031. This plan is apparently a blueprint for our quality of life and will affect generations to come. It's called the South East Regional Plan and it's on line so you can easily reference it. This plan is something everyone should be familiar with because it shapes the way our families will live for a very long time to come. I am taking this opportunity to explain a consequence of this plan which will affect every Gold Coast resident and put simply, it's frightening.

Here is a scenario based on examples in Ashmore, Robina and Parkwood. Residents in Arcacia drive have great pride in their street and have beautiful homes and gardens and children play peacefully and safely. Suddenly and without warning one of the houses is demolished and up goes an ugly monolith of units which are simply cheap and nasty. There is insufficient off street parking so the street is cluttered with vehicles on both sides of the road. There is not one blade of grass left on the unit block and the children have nowhere to play. When friends come to visit their cars are booked for illegal parking and over time other units are built and the street becomes a ghetto of lost souls and low cost housing. Because of the cars parked in the street the ambulance, fire truck and garbage collector cannot and will not drive into the street. People, it's called Anna Bligh's infill policy which really means planning on the run to create a bigger tax base. Now please don't think I'm inventing this as it could happen in your street tomorrow and under the new code assessable system you won't know its happening and you have no right to comment or object. How's that for inclusive democracy.

This is all possible because the State government did away with zoning years ago but forgot to tell us. That means residential A land and the like does not exist anymore. Your land does not have a zoning and the bureaucracy now calls it a domain. Don't believe this lot on any issue as they are just building a bigger taxing state through rates, electricity, water and tolls and all the other endless charges they invent in the name of infrastructure. They cry "user pays" but I say we have already paid as tax payers and I'm not in favour of 'user pays twice'. The report claims by 2031 SEQ will have an additional 754,000 dwellings and that my friends may well spell an end to your lovely street and our way of life as we know it. By then cars will be a liability because the road system will be terminally clogged.

So the plan for south east Queensland is hopelessly flawed because it's based on the premise of population growth to feed a state government which is sending the state broke. Their plan is full of feel good mother hood statements and don't be fooled, as the only way to manage the future here and elsewhere for the sake of 'we the people' is to cap the population and now. Premier Bligh will tell you it can't be done, well I say that's old paradigm thinking and she is manifestly wrong. Remember friends, you can't unscramble an omelet.

Until next time this is Kent Bayley