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Hon Leeanne Enoch MP Minister for Communities and Housing

By email: communitiesandhousing@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Site for new public housing and mixed use development on Station Rd Indooroopilly

Dear Minister Enoch,

I write to ask that the Department acquire a 5,000sqm site at <u>30, 40, 44 Station Road, 12 Foxton Street & 11 Riverview Terrace Indooroopilly</u> as a site for new public housing and mixed use development.

Queensland is in a housing crisis, with more than 47,000 people on the social housing waiting list. We desperately need more public housing, especially in well-located suburbs like Indooroopilly, where profit-driven development is pushing out lower income workers, students and families.

This site, right across the road from my Electorate Office, is close to Indooroopilly Train Station, the shopping centre and the bus interchange. It is close to the new Indooroopilly the Riverwalk and Witton Barracks Park as well as essential medical and social services.

As well as commercial properties, the site includes two older three storey brick "walk up" flats which tend to be affordable to people on lower incomes. If it's purchased by private developers, the residents of these flats will likely be priced out of the area. I regularly hear from other west side residents facing eviction who are struggling to find new homes without paying much higher rents.

The BCC <u>Indooroopilly Centre Neighbourhood Plan</u> allows up to 15 storey mixed use and medium density residential development on Station Rd, Foxton St and Riverview Tce on this site. The Department of Housing could easily create hundreds of well-designed, high quality public homes on this site.

Council zoning would also allow a wealth of new community facilities which could include health services, arts venues, childcare facilities and spaces for venue hire. These could sit alongside commercial spaces to help subsidise the cost of construction and create local job opportunities.

The agents responsible are Knight Frank Brisbane, available on 0407 604 307 or 0419 784 317. Please do not hesitate to contact my office on 3737 4100 if you would like to discuss this matter in more detail.

Kind regards,

Michael Berkman MP