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Phil's Speech at the November 15 Brisbane Residents United Rally

INTRO: This is a timely rally. This week, the Parliamentary Planning & Infrastructure Committee is considering its new Better Planning Act – and we certainly need Better Planning. Then in March we have the once in every 4 years City Council elections.

4 POINTS:

- 1. END "OVER-DEVELOPMENT" BY COMPETING PLANS SCATTERED ACROSS THE WHOLE CITY**
- 2. END UNDUE INFLUENCE OF DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS TO POLITICAL PARTIES**
- 3. START COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: BRING PEOPLE & COMMUNITIES INTO CITY PLANNING**
- 4. LEGISLATIVE REFORM**

1. THERE IS NO NEED FOR OVER DEVELOPMENT

- I. Too much & too careless- Brisbane needs to cluster development throughout its 100 suburbs, instead of trying to meet ALL of the regional plan objectives of about 6,000 new dwellings a year in every one of its 70 neighbourhood plans!**
- II. Too high & out of scale- We need to restore human and natural scale, with developments up to 8 storeys around public transport nodes like Carindale, Mt Gravatt and Chermside, in keeping with the height of surrounding mature vegetation**
- III. Too close and too crowded. We need to bring back "plot ratios" "gross floor areas" & setbacks to keep balance between living greenery & bricks, mortar & concrete**

2. END UNDUE POLITICAL INFLUENCE OF DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS

- I. End Developers contributions of hundreds of, oos of \$s to political parties to monopolise consultation.**
- II. Equal per capital funding of all political parties, according to their membership numbers**
- III. Open accounts of all parties and politicians for parliamentary, media and public scrutiny.**

3. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

- I. Neighbours and communities need, to know and to be heard- no more exemptions for self-assessable and code assessable development from public notification & objection.**
- II. No more cosy collusion between developers and council. Developers should have to inform & consult neighbours before lodging development applications.**
- III. Community contributions should be invited at the formative stages of local and city plans to shape objectives & vision & share in the development & evaluation of options.**

4. LEGISLATIVE REFORM

- I. Remove presumption for approval of DAs**
- II. Remove “Code Assessable” exemptions from notification and objection**
- III. Review plans every 5 years**
- IV. Ensure cost free Planning Tribunals can hear appeals Rights of appeal to a Professional Planning Tribunal should be free & guaranteed. No more bankrupting objectors by awarding of exorbitant P&E Court costs.**