




Speech By
Hon. Jeff Seeneey

MEMBER FOR CALLIDE

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**REGIONAL PLANNING INTERESTS BILL; PROTECTION OF PRIME
AGRICULTURAL LAND AND OTHER LAND FROM COAL SEAM GAS MINING
BILL**

Third Reading

 **Hon. JW SEENEY** (Callide—LNP) (Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning) (6.40 pm): I move—

That the bill, as amended, be now read a third time.

Before you put the question, it would be remiss of me not to record my recognition of and thanks to some of my staff who have been involved in an incredibly long process to get this bill here tonight. First and foremost, can I recognise Kylie Williams. Kylie is the executive director of regional planning within my department. Kylie, together with Sue McCafferty her loyal offsider, has borne the brunt of much of that public consultation that has been such a part of this legislation. But that public consultation was conducted in an atmosphere that was combative, that was emotive and that was stressful for everybody involved. I very sincerely say to Kylie and to Sue, thank you so much for the job that you did in engaging in that consultation which was so important in bringing the various stakeholders to a point where we could have at least broad agreement on the bill before the House tonight.

The bill before the House tonight, as I said in my second reading speech, involves new concepts, new ideas and an adaption of established planning principles. For Kylie and her team to bring their planning expertise to those challenges that have faced people in regional Queensland and the way that job was carried out is certainly worth a very big job well done. Thank you to Kylie and Sue and their team.

Mr Mulherin: You normally don't give too many accolades. That was a big wrap, Deputy Premier.

Mr SEENEY: I do not often give accolades and that was a big wrap. The other person that I want to recognise is Dimity Elson from my department. Everybody who has been involved knows that Dimity has brought her quiet, considered intellect to every problem as it has arisen and has balanced my impetuosity and my desire to just darn fix it. She has played a major role. Dimity, I too thank you on behalf of all the people of regional Queensland who will benefit from this legislation and who will benefit from the efforts that you and Kylie and your respective teams have made to make this a reality.