

- Councillor ABRAHAMS: Thank you, Madam Chair. I wish to comment on Item A and Item C
- Speaking briefly to Item C, which is a development at 65 Sylvan Road, Toowong, Labor Councillors do not support the recommendation. When the petitioners submitted to Council they knew there was a development application, they knew it was in the process of being assessed. The response to the petition is to tell them that there is a development application and it is in the process of being assessed.
- Madam Chair, that is not a response. It's telling the community that they already know. What they wished was their opposition to be heard and the response to indicate to what level their opposition was going to be incorporated into the assessment process.
- I now wish to speak on the committee presentation, which was the University of Queensland Draft St Lucia Campus Master Plan. I've listened very carefully to the two LNP Councillors, and I've heard their concerns. I just can't help feeling how cynical it all is, because this isn't the only area that's under a community infrastructure designation. The Port Authority also is, and they have never complained about that designation in that area.
- Madam Chair, their response to that may be, but the port is an industrial area, this is within a precinct that is an education precinct. That is true but it doesn't take away from the fact that the LNP Administration has a policy to support student accommodation. That policy is to give an unbelievably generous \$13,440 per student unit that is built within five kilometres of the CBD and specifically built for students.
- Already in my Ward over 40—
- Councillor JOHNSTON: Point of order, Madam Chair.
- Chairman: Point of order, Councillor ABRAHAMS.
- Chairman: Yes, Councillor JOHNSTON?
- Councillor JOHNSTON: Would Councillor ABRAHAMS—sorry, would Councillor ABRAHAMS take a very quick question?
- Councillor ABRAHAMS: I would be delighted to take a very quick question.
- Chairman: Thank you.

Councillor JOHNSTON: Councillor ABRAHAMS, could you share with the Chamber who the Finance Chair is who has authorised that subsidy and what Ward the Finance Chairman represents?

Councillor ABRAHAMS: Oh, excellent question. Councillor SIMMONDS was the Finance Manager who spoke passionately about the need for student accommodation in our city and justified that amount.

But, Madam Chair, in two developments in my Ward—they are eligible so long as work starts in time—is \$10.5 million and \$21 million foregone in infrastructure as a result of their generous policy where it comes to students. What is the difference in this situation? What it is, is that the university is being responsible and over a period of time they have selectively purchased property that is—co-locates with their facility. They have undertaken a plan to take the responsibility to provide the student infrastructure, that is accommodation infrastructure, that is necessary for their facility.

I would suggest to you that is strategic planning on behalf of the University of Queensland. I would suggest that's long-term planning on behalf of the University of Queensland. But the LNP are saying, because they're not getting any infrastructure charges out of that development, not fair, consultation wrong, we weren't involved in the consultation. Why weren't we involved? Tell us about it.

Councillor interjecting.

Councillor ABRAHAMS: How could the Senate do this? How could the Senate even go out and consult without the process being finished first of all?

Councillor interjecting.

Councillor ABRAHAMS: Madam Chair—

Chairman: Order!

Councillor ABRAHAMS: Can I suggest, Madam Chair—let us just reflect back to the Draft Kurilpa Master Plan.

Councillors interjecting.

Councillor ABRAHAMS: No consultation with anyone, just announced.

Councillor interjecting.

Councillor ABRAHAMS: That's right, absolutely. Just announced. Not, Madam Chair, eight-storey buildings, as is proposed through this proposal, but 40-storey buildings *en masse* followed by 30-storey buildings *en masse*.

Councillors interjecting.

Councillor ABRAHAMS: What were the development industry and the community and the residents told? Cop it sweet. So, Madam Chair, the issue is infrastructure charges and we've addressed that. The LNP have already modified in the infrastructure charges. The LNP have have also previously when they wished to support hotels and given an infrastructure benefit.

So the fact that we have got student accommodation without infrastructure is not the issue. The fact that they haven't had the consultation where they—people kowtowed to their City Plan on this is also hypocrisy, Madam Chair, because if they want to do something they ride roughshod over the community.

Councillors interjecting.

Councillor ABRAHAMS: So it's just a little taste of their own medicine, Madam Chair. This was the only committee where we have had such a clear position of outrage.

Councillor interjecting.

Councillor ABRAHAMS: The LNP Councillors were outraged, the officers had to be outraged. It was outrage, outrage at all times, because they were cut out of the proposal, Madam Chair.

Councillor interjecting.

Councillor ABRAHAMS: This is forward planning. This is forward planning. It is something that I have complete confidence in the ability of, when you have these community infrastructure designations, to get high quality development. That's what we have got, some high quality development in the University of Queensland.

Madam Chair, I have got faith in the State Government and the Federal Government to put appropriate infrastructure in so that we can have active transport, be it a bridge to West End or be it public transport, to this facility to meet it with its growing needs.

But that's another level of hypocrisy—hypocrisy—because what did we have today in committee? We don't have to worry about transport at the former ABC site at Toowong because there's a train line and there's a CityCat and there's a fast BUZ service.

Chairman: Councillor ABRAHAMS, you are—

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Chairman: Councillor ABRAHAMS, you are a long way off the topic of this particular submission.

Councillor ABRAHAMS: No, no, no, Madam Chair, because there is—

Chairman: Yes, you are.

Councillor interjecting.

Councillor ABRAHAMS: Madam Chair, there is a designated bridge to get the buses into this facility. There are designated CityCats giving transport into this area. There is a proposal for another bridge, Madam Chair, just like the former Lord Mayor Campbell Newman said, when he brought the South Brisbane riverside plan, which had no infrastructure, zero, zilch. He said clearly, don't worry we will provide it once the plan's in place. Another taste of your own medicine, LNP.

Chairman: Further debate?