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LABOR'S SUSTAINABILITY FARCE CONTINUES

Member for Hinchinbrook, Andrew Cripps, says the ridiculous farce associated with the introduction of the Bligh Labor Government's mandatory sustainability declaration has continued, with the third and still flawed version of the document released last week.

Mr Cripps said Infrastructure and Planning Minister, Stirling Hinchliffe, had last week finally admitted that the Bligh Labor Government had bungled the introduction of the controversial sustainability declaration, which has upset property owners and the real estate industry.

"Minister Hinchliffe has overseen the development of the third version of the mandatory green home report card, but this form is still flawed. It is still too complicated and serves no useful purpose for enhancing the sustainability of housing in Queensland" said Mr Cripps.

"Despite arguing long and hard with the LNP Opposition that there was nothing wrong with the form, the Bligh Labor Government was forced back to the drawing board when the real estate industry and thousands of Queenslanders reacted angrily to the form" he said.

"More than 5,500 people have signed petition sponsored by the LNP calling on the Bligh Labor Government to scrap the mandatory sustainability declaration. This shows that Queenslanders are sick of the Bligh Labor Government's over regulation" said Mr Cripps.

"The Minister has responded to these criticisms by making some minor cosmetic changes to the form. The ridiculous thing about it is that there is no incentive scheme attached to it to encourage property owners to adopt more sustainable housing solutions" he said.

"There is no environmentally friendly appliance or building material that will be made mandatory. The only thing mandatory is signing another form with a few dozen questions on it, which will be an unnecessary burden on Queenslanders and business" said Mr Cripps.

"The Bligh Labor Government has again proven itself to be totally incompetent" he said.

Mr Cripps said he was proud of the fact that Opposition Leader, John – Paul Langbroek, had given an undertaking that when it wins government in Queensland, the LNP will scrap the mandatory sustainability declaration and remove part of Labor's elaborate web of red tape.

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