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## **SUSTAINABILITY FORM...KAPUT?**

Glen Elmes, Member for Noosa and Shadow Minister for Climate Change & Sustainability reports that, just a matter of weeks after it was rushed through Parliament, yet another example of poorly planned legislation of the Labor Government has had to be amended.

"The Government rushed through, and then gagged debate on, the *Building Legislation & Other Amendment Bill* which saw the introduction of the Mandatory Sustainability Declaration form.

"In yet another example of policy meltdown, the Labor Government's Mandatory Sustainability Declaration form has already been amended with further question marks over the final lay-out.

"I said in my speech in the Parliament at the time that the Government had let the lunatics out of the asylum and given them the task of designing this ludicrous piece of red tape.

"What is going on in Anna Bligh's Cabinet Room? Who is making these ridiculous decisions and how much is it costing the Queensland tax-payer?

"The LNP strongly opposed the introduction of the Mandatory Sustainability Declaration form and every LNP electorate office has been inundated with genuine complaints from solicitors and real estate agents - who could be liable for fines up to \$10,000 and legal liability - and from householders who are genuinely confused and very concerned that they too, could be heavily fined for providing false or misleading information.

Glen Elmes said that the LNP felt so strongly about this piece of bureaucratic nonsense, that we have already made a public commitment to repeal the Mandatory Sustainability Declaration form as soon as we come into Government.

"This form has nothing to do with sustainability or environmental protection at all. It's simply another layer of bureaucratic red tape and further unnecessary regulation.

"The introduction of this form is an insult to intelligence, it will increase the costs of buying and selling a house and cause a great deal of angst to anyone who wishes to sell their home.

Glen Elmes asked everyone who is concerned about the implications of the Mandatory Sustainability Declaration form to sign the e-petition at [www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/EPetitions](http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/EPetitions)

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