



Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Inquiry into Planning Bill 2022 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Jo Clay MLA:

Reference: Hearing on 7 December 2022

In relation to: Ecologically sustainable development

- (1) Why has there been a departure from the typical definition of 'ecologically sustainable development' as articulated in international law?

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

It is unclear which international law articulation the Member is referring to.

The definition of the term 'ecologically sustainable development' in the Planning Bill 2022 retains the existing elements of the term 'sustainable development' from the *Planning and Development Act 2007*, while also incorporating contemporary ideas, with inspiration drawn from section 3(2) of Queensland's *Planning Act 2016*.

This was detailed in the Policy Overview Paper (see page 15) released in March 2022 with the public consultation version of the Bill and available online at <https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/act-planning-review/planning-bill>.

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By the Minister for Planning and Land Management, Mick Gentleman MLA