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## LABOR'S UGB LIES EXPOSED

**Just three weeks ago the Brumby Government was issuing letters stating there were no plans to review the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) when in fact the government was scoping more than 43,000 hectares of new UGB land.**

The Brumby Government has been caught out lying to Victorians about the future of the Urban Growth Boundary, one of Melbourne's most important pieces of planning, Shadow Minister for Planning Matthew Guy said today.

Just over 20 days ago the Planning Minister's own department was still sending correspondence to Victorians, explicitly on behalf of the Planning Minister, stating categorically that: *There are no plans to review the UGB at this time.*

But on Tuesday the Brumby Government detailed the most significant changes to the Urban Growth Boundary in its history, examining 43,000 hectares of new land – an area one third the size of Adelaide.

“The Brumby Government has clearly been working on this policy for some time and has been caught out lying about one of the most important areas of planning policy for Melbourne, the future of the Urban Growth Boundary,” Mr Guy said.

“Either Labor cooked up the UGB/Melbourne @ 5 million policy in just three weeks, or the Brumby Government knowingly misled Victorians about the UGB's future.

“The Brumby Government has shown it is prepared to tell bald-faced lies when it comes to planning policy, completely denying any UGB changes were afoot just three weeks ago.

“It is inconceivable that a government not known for haste in any policy area, would come up with a population plan in just three weeks, and that suggests the government's written replies on the UGB were just lies,” Mr Guy said.

In state parliament today the Planning Minister Justin Madden lurched from avoidance to excuses when trying to dodge answering questions from the Victorian Liberal Nationals Coalition about why correspondence on his behalf was sent out containing lies.

“This lie shows the Brumby Government views Victorians with contempt and has no intention of being upfront about its planning policy,” Mr Guy said.

“There is no avoiding the facts here, either Labor lied or made policy on the run. Whatever the case, it shows the government is sneaky, secretive and incompetent when it comes to managing planning policy in an open and transparent manner.”

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