

## Question on Notice

No. 1179

Asked on 12 October 2021

**MR M HART** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

### QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise specific details (including dates, names of attendees) of meetings, engagement and consultation undertaken by the Department of Transport and Main Roads to meet with local Indigenous groups regarding Light Rail Stage 4?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Burleigh for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government has a proud record of working with the First Nations community on major infrastructure projects and Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 will be no different.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) recognises the cultural significance of Jellurgal and Tallebudgera Creek, and continues to work closely and meet with members of the local Indigenous community and Traditional Owners to carefully identify and protect valued and unique cultural heritage sites along the alignment.

Community consultation on the Burleigh Heads to Tugun section of Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 ran for ten weeks and closed on 17 September 2021. More than 4100 people visited face-to-face sessions across seven southern Gold Coast locations. TMR—in collaboration with the Jellurgal Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Kalwun Development Corporation—held two face-to-face consultation sessions on 20–21 September 2021 which included Indigenous individuals with an interest in the project. These sessions were promoted on the Jellurgal Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Kalwun Development Corporation Facebook pages. Details of the consultation sessions are listed in the following table.

Date of event	Number of TMR officials in attendance	Number of Stakeholders attended
21 September 2021	- Two from the TMR South Coast Region Team - One from the Gold Coast Light Rail Project Team	Six
20 September 2021	- Two from the Gold Coast Light Rail Project Team - Two from the TMR South Coast Region Team	Seven

Additional consultation also took place with local Indigenous representative groups, with meetings held on 8 July 2021, 9 July 2021 and 1 September 2021, as listed in the table below.

Date of event	Number of TMR officials in attendance	Number of Stakeholders attended
1 September 2021	- Four from the TMR South Coast Region Team - Two from the Gold Coast Light Rail Project Team	Four
9 July 2021	- Two from the TMR South Coast Region Team - Two from the Gold Coast Light Rail Project Team	Two
8 July 2021	- Two from the TMR South Coast Region Team - Two from the Gold Coast Light Rail Project Team	Two

Further consultation about the project will take place with local Indigenous groups and Traditional Owner groups as planning progresses.