

Question on Notice
No. 1354
Asked on 27 October 2021

Mr J Bleijie asked Premier and Minister for the Olympics (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Sunshine Coast Council's mass transit community consultation, during which the community voted light rail as the least preferred transport option—

Will the Premier listen to the Sunshine Coast community and immediately reject light rail if it is presented as an option from the Sunshine Coast Council, despite the community's rejection?

ANSWER:

My Government's infrastructure pipeline on the Sunshine Coast includes more than \$3.9 billion worth of jointly funded road and rail upgrades supporting thousands of jobs.

On 8 May 2019, the Queensland Government committed \$7.5 million, to be matched by Sunshine Coast Council, towards the joint development of a detailed business case for the first stage of an integrated urban public transport solution for the Sunshine Coast.

The Sunshine Coast Council has led the options analysis as part of planning for mass transit, and on 20 October 2021, they endorsed the Mass Transit Options Analysis Report. With the options analysis now complete, the next phase of the project is to undertake a detailed business case.

Community feedback received as part of the Sunshine Coast Council's community engagement for the options analysis report will be a key consideration in the development of the detailed business case.

The Sunshine Coast has always been a priority for my Government and the region will see even more investment in critical transport upgrades.