

Question on Notice

No. 1607

Asked on 2 December 2021

MR N DAMETTO ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the infrastructure installed at Tokalon Road, Ingham, approximately three years ago, to support a crossing and recent Queensland Rail advice that Tokalon Road, Ingham remains a priority, that design and scoping has commenced and the works are envisaged to be completed by the end of 2021—

Will the Minister update the residents of Hinchinbrook when this important safety project will be completed?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Hinchinbrook for the question.

Safety is Queensland Rail's number one priority, with a strong focus on ensuring safety and compliance at level crossings. All Queensland Rail level crossings are designed and operated in accordance with national safety standards, and are assessed using the Australian Level Crossing Assessment Model.

Queensland Rail currently has an \$18 million program in place to upgrade level crossings across regional Queensland from passive protection, such as warning signs, to active protection including automatic flashing lights, warning sounds, and barriers or boom gates.

With regard to the level crossing at Tokalon Road, Ingham Queensland Rail remains committed to delivering this upgrade.

Queensland Rail is aiming to formalise the engagement of the contractor in the coming month, with the level crossing works and commissioning to be completed in 2022. The dates will be confirmed once the contractor is formally engaged.