

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1370

asked on 10 November 2022

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**DR A MACMAHON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURING AND MINISTER FOR WATER (HON G BUTCHER)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the electric buses to be manufactured in Queensland, as described by the Premier in Parliament on 9 November 2022—

Will the Minister advise if these buses will have the following specific accessibility features (a) audio stop announcements, (b) hearing loop technology and (c) the ability to secure (e.g. tie down) wheelchairs?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government has strong commitments to accessibility on public transport. The government is also committed to reducing carbon emissions including through the Queensland Zero Emission Vehicle Strategy 2022 (ZEV Strategy). This includes a commitment that every Translink-funded bus added to the urban fleet will be a zero-emissions bus from 2025 in South East Queensland, and from 2025–2030 across regional Queensland.

The Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water (DRDMW) is working with the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) to prepare a ZEV Industry Roadmap. The Roadmap aims to build ZEV manufacturing and supply chain capabilities by providing a framework to for research, innovation, manufacturing and supply chain capabilities and for identifying future skills training needs.

In reference to the Member's question, the matter raised relates to electric buses which is within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Transport and Main Roads.