

Question on Notice

No. 578

Asked on 11 May 2023

MRS L GERBER ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Currumbin Creek Active Transport Bridge (CCATB) planning project, the 'underslung bridge' design concept proposed by two community groups in my electorate (Friends of Currumbin (FoC) and Tugun Progress Association (TPA)) and correspondence from at least 338 concerned members of the public calling on the Minister to intervene and re-visit the options for the CCATB—

Will the Minister agree to consider as part of the CCATB planning project other possible connections, including the design concept outlined by FoC and TPA?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Currumbin for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) considered a lower, underslung option during early investigations into the Currumbin Creek Active Transport Bridge planning project in 2022. Consultation with community groups, such as Friends of Currumbin, Tugun Progress Association and Gecko Environment Council, was also undertaken on this option during the early planning stage.

Advice from the Gold Coast Waterways Authority (GCWA), supported by Maritime Safety Queensland, specified a nine-metre height requirement for marine clearance, which restricted different planning options around a lower or underslung bridge option.

Following the feedback received during community consultation in March 2023, the project team has continued to engage with GCWA to confirm the navigational height clearance and whether alternative options would be considered feasible and functional for this location. TMR will refine the design as part of the business case planning, based on feedback from the community, incorporating comments on the height of the structure and the aesthetic appearance, ensuring integration to the natural environment. TMR will also consult further with involved community groups during any reassessment of options.