

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 753

asked on Tuesday, 24 May 2005

MR CHOI ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER POLICY (MR MICKEL)—

QUESTION:

Will he advise what consultation process will be adopted for the consideration of a proposed substation in Birkdale?

ANSWER:

ENERGEX is committed to providing a reliable electricity supply to south east Queensland and to increasing capacity to cater for future community and business growth.

I am advised by ENERGEX that following extensive network analysis and demand forecasting, it has identified a requirement for a new 33/11 kilovolt (kV) substation in the Birkdale area to meet future demand.

Through consultation with Redland Shire Council a potential site has been identified adjacent to a former landfill site.

I am further advised as part of its proposed development ENERGEX is undertaking a community consultation process.

An information brochure has been distributed to local residents and other interested stakeholders for the purpose of providing the community with information on the project and gathering feedback. This feedback will then assist ENERGEX to develop the terms of reference for an Assessment Report, similar to an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

ENERGEX will consult residents in the immediate area near the proposed substation site, community groups, local councillors, Council officers, as well as State and Federal MP's.

Once the final Assessment Report has been drafted, ENERGEX will undertake further consultation with the local community and key stakeholders. The draft report will also be made available for public examination. Residents and interest groups will be asked to provide feedback for incorporating into a final report.