

**Question on Notice
No. 596
Asked on 18 April 2007**

QUESTION:

MR WELLINGTON asked the Minister for Environment and Multiculturalism (Ms Nelson-Carr)—

With reference to my last question in Parliament to the Premier regarding the finalisation of horse riding trails on Crown land—

When will a final decision be made on the future of horse riding trails which have been the subject of consideration over recent years?

ANSWER:

The government has given a commitment that horse riders will be able to continue using some management roads through proposed national parks that are part of the South East Queensland Forest Agreement. This continued use will occur on management roads that have historically been used for horse riding in five areas. These areas include Noosa, Gold Coast, Western Brisbane, Caboolture-Bellthorpe and Mapleton-Kenilworth.

The Government has been working with horse riders and conservation groups to finalise the trail network.

Mapping and identification of trails must be precise to ensure certainty for land managers and national park users. This is a complex and detailed exercise that takes time.

The surrounding forest reserves can transfer to protected area tenure and the network will be implemented on a priority basis once details are resolved. Resolving this issue is a priority and will be completed as soon as possible.

It is important to note that, in the meantime, all horse riders enjoy continued access to these areas.