

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 737

asked on Wednesday, 23 May 2007

MR HOOLIHAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER IN NORTH QUEENSLAND (MR WALLACE)—

QUESTION:

What is the current status of design and construction of the State Government subsidised pipeline from Rockhampton to the Capricorn Coast?

ANSWER:

Responsibility for the design and construction of the Rockhampton to Capricorn Coast pipeline lies with the Livingstone Shire Council (the Council).

Work on this pipeline, which forms part of the recently completed Central Queensland Regional Water Supply Strategy, is currently being progressed by the Council.

Funding for the pipeline has been secured, with the State Government providing \$20 million, the Commonwealth \$16.5 million and the Council \$13.5 million.

Consultants were engaged by the Council earlier this year to undertake detailed design and documentation for the pipeline, building on earlier preliminary investigations. The detailed work is expected to be completed towards the end of 2007, with a view to construction commencing in early 2008.

Environmental, cultural and geotechnical investigations have been completed, while vegetation management studies and final route survey are in progress.

The Council has recently resolved to award a contract for the supply of 20 Kilometres of 600 millimetre diameter pipe. Delivery of the pipe is expected to commence in approximately 2 months time, and is to be staged over the remainder of the year. The Council also intends to call tenders around July 2007, for the supply of an additional 23 kilometres of pipe for the project.

The Council intends inviting tenders for construction of the pipeline and associated works, such as reservoirs and pump stations, later this year. It is expected that this process will be initiated shortly, via an expression of interest process.