

**Question on Notice
No. 903
Asked on 7 June 2007**

QUESTION:

MRS MENKENS asked the Minister for Environment and Multiculturalism (Ms Nelson-Carr)—

With reference to the closure of 25 kilometres of Fraser Island beaches—
Will she detail the scheduled works, budgeted figures and expenditure to date for road works on the alternate inland route to ensure that it will be capable of carrying the increased traffic and not constitute a safety hazard for island motorists?

ANSWER:

In order to meet the Great Sandy Region Management Plan objective of closing the beach 18 kilometres northwards from Hook Point, the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) has upgraded the old mining road to conform to current design standards and guidelines.

The QPWS has upgraded the road corridor at a cost of \$459,000 which included funding of \$70,000 from the Commonwealth Government.

An independent and expert road safety review of the upgraded Hook Point Road was conducted in June 2006, and it confirmed that required standards have been met to allow safe travel for the forecast volume of traffic.

New directional and safety signs have been installed and a maximum speed limit of 50kph has been imposed.

An additional safety review conducted by an independent group in June 2007 confirmed that the road met all required standards for vehicle access.

The QPWS has scheduled the maintenance of the road into the district work plan and the road is programmed to be graded regularly or when weather conditions are suitable.