

Question on Notice

No. 980

Asked on 8 June 2007

MR ELMES asked the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (MS BLIGH) –

QUESTION:

With reference to my correspondence of 7 March 2007 to the Department of Infrastructure in regard to the Northern/Southern Interconnector Pipeline and as I have not received a reply to date –

Will she advise of the proposed commencement date, the expected completion date, the total cost of the project and how it is planned to pump surplus water from Brisbane back to the Sunshine Coast when this region experiences drought or any other form of water shortage?

ANSWER:

A search of the Department of Infrastructure's records did not locate a copy of the correspondence referred to by the Member, and I would encourage him to forward me a copy of the letter so that a response may be provided.

In relation specifically to the questions, the Northern Pipeline Interconnector (NPI) project commenced initial investigations in November 2006.

The NPI will be delivered in stages. Stage 1 pipeline works are from Morayfield reservoir to Landers Shoot, and stage 2 works are from Landers Shoot to Noosa, the new water treatment plant at Ewen Maddock Dam and works separately being undertaken by Caboolture Shire to augment its existing infrastructure.

The stage 1 pipeline works from Landers Shoot to Morayfield, which are planned to convey up to 65ML of potable water per day, will be delivered by the regulated date of 31 December 2008.

The NPI will have the capacity for two-directional flow, to provide water where it is needed, when it is needed. A full cost of the NPI has not been finalised as the design and route have not yet been finalised. Once completed, the network will ensure available water can be delivered both from the Sunshine Coast and to the Sunshine Coast to provide improved water security for the region.