

Question on Notice
No. 998
Asked on Tuesday 7 August 2007

MR DICKSON asked the Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport (MR FRASER) –

QUESTION:

Will he advise what plans the government has to review the Q100 flood levels, to take into account possible impacts of climate change and will he commit the new Urban Land Development Authority to commission a review of the Q100 flood levels as a matter of priority, to protect future development?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government's position regarding flood levels is articulated by *State Planning Policy 1/03: Mitigating the Adverse Impacts of Flood, Bushfire and Landslide* developed in 2003. The Queensland Government's position as articulated by the Policy is that the 1% Annual Exceedance Probability flood (the Q100) is the appropriate risk level to consider in minimising the potential adverse impacts of flooding on people, property economic activity and the environment.

The State Planning Policy (the Policy) requires local governments, when making or amending their planning schemes, to assess the potential impacts of flooding on development and to undertake comprehensive and detailed natural hazard assessment study to identify the areas affected by the most appropriate flood event – usually the 1% Annual Exceedance Probability flood. The Policy also states that these studies should also take into account the potential impacts associated with climate change.

The Queensland Government has also recently released the *ClimateSmart 2050 – Queensland climate change strategy 2007: a low carbon future* to tackle this global issue. The Strategy represents the next steps in a long-term investment to manage, adapt and mitigate against climate change. Queensland is well-positioned to respond, and will maintain its Smart State reputation and reap the benefits that come from tackling the climate change challenge.

The new Urban Land Development Authority is within the portfolio of the Deputy Premier.