

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1020**

**Asked on Thursday 5 June 2008**

**MISS SIMPSON** asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning (MR LUCAS)—

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the SEQ Water Grid System Operating Plan, which was scheduled to be released by July 2007—

Will the Minister advise why there has been a delay in the release of the System Operating Plan and when the plan will now be released?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Honourable Member for Maroochydore for her question.

The System Operating Plan has, in fact, been in legal effect since August 2007, after its formal gazettal. The Member may be referring to the fact that a new plan was proposed to commence from July 2008, to reflect the establishment of the new wholesale water arrangements and the creation of the Water Grid Manager. Indeed, this new Plan was finalized by the Queensland Water Commission on 20 June 2008 after consultation with all water service providers in the region, including councils. The new System Operating Plan took effect from 1 July 2008.

The review of the plan is an ongoing process. As new infrastructure is commissioned, such as the Tugun Desalination Plant, the System Operating Plan will be updated accordingly.