

Question on Notice

No. 1579

Asked on Wednesday, 29 October 2008

MR RICKUSS asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning (MR LUCAS) –

QUESTION:

With reference to construction of the Western Recycled Water Pipeline that has severely damaged a section of Brisbane Valley Highway immediately north of the Fernvale Bridge, to the extent that the Somerset Regional Council has grave concerns for motorists' safety on this state controlled road —

(1) Will he commit to the immediate, urgent and ongoing restoration of this road before a serious injury or death occurs?

(2) Will he outline who would be responsible for the cost of these urgent repairs?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Lockyer for his question.

I am advised that the Western Corridor Recycled Water Project's (WCRWP) construction alignment did not cross the Brisbane Valley Highway in the area north of the Fernvale Bridge.

The Western Corridor Recycled Water Project's (WCRWP) construction alignment crossed the Brisbane Valley Highway approximately 6 kilometres south of the Fernvale bridge.

I am advised that trucks associated with the projects construction would have utilised the section of road north of the Fernvale bridge but the contribution to the roads traffic load is estimated to have been less than 10%.

The Western Pipeline Alliance actively managed the projects heavy vehicle traffic to ensure trucks were loaded to their correct legal limit.

I am advised that a the Western Corridor Recycled Water Company has not been contacted by the Department of Main Roads in regard to any damage to this section of the Brisbane Valley Highway.

I am further advised that this section of highway has recently been repaired to address the immediate issue of road surface cracking. This was undertaken by the Somerset Regional Council under existing maintenance contracts with the Department of Main Roads.