

Question on Notice

No. 1755

Asked on 13 November 2008

MR LEE asked the Minister for Main Roads and Local Government (MR PITT) -

QUESTION:

How much money has his department spent purchasing properties in the corridor of the proposed Kenmore By-pass?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Indooroopilly for the question.

A three kilometre long transport corridor, known as the Kenmore Bypass, exists between Moggill Road at Pullenvale and the Centenary Motorway at Fig Tree Pocket. This corridor was identified by departmental planning activities several decades ago.

To date, the Department of Main Roads has not pro-actively purchased land for the corridor. However, since 1995 around \$8m has been spent on hardship acquisitions. These are undertaken when the department's corridor planning proposals require part or all of a property for road planning purposes and an owner requests the department to purchase part or all of their property because the planning requirement affects their ability to sell or develop the property in accordance with relevant land use planning laws.

The Queensland Government has recently released planning options for a potential bypass. These draft planning options have been released as part of the second stage of the three stage Kenmore Bypass Planning Study, scheduled for completion next year.

I encourage the community to provide feedback on the options.

This study is necessary to plan for and manage growth in the Kenmore area, however I must stress that no decision has been made on whether a bypass will be built.