

Question on Notice

No. 1799

Asked on Tuesday 25 November 2008

MR ELMES ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR MICKEL) —

QUESTION:

Will he advise whether or not the State Government is receiving any kind of payment from the operators of jet ski businesses in return for the approximately 6 hectares of river that has been exclusively dedicated for the use of hired jet skies on the Noosa River?

ANSWER:

I am advised the State Government has not received any kind of payment from commercial operators in relation to this section of waterway, which has been gazetted specifically for the operation of hired personal watercraft in the Noosa River.

The allocation of the existing area provides a dedicated space for managing the safe operation of personal watercraft in what can sometimes be a congested waterway.

The provision of this area also allows the continued operation of commercial businesses that hire personal watercraft in the vicinity.

The State Government considers the continued allocation of this area for commercial personal watercraft operations and its inclusion in the proposed Noosa River Marine Zone, to be in the best interest of all users of the Noosa River.