

Question on Notice
No. 433
Asked on 13 March 2008

Mr Cripps asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the State Government's announcement on 22 August 2007 that an estimated \$20m would be invested in Innisfail to construct a new Innisfail State High School Campus at the current Innisfail TAFE campus as part of the State Schools of Tomorrow program and concerns expressed by the Administrator of the Johnstone Shire regarding the capacity of the Geraldton Bridge to cope with the increase in traffic that would occur if a new school campus is constructed at the current Innisfail TAFE campus, especially during peak morning and afternoon pick-up times—

- (1) Has the Minister acknowledged these concerns?
- (2) Are there any proposals to address them?
- (3) Will the Geraldton Bridge be upgraded before a new State High School is built in Innisfail at the TAFE Campus site?

ANSWER:

The State Government announced on 22 August 2007 that Innisfail would benefit from an investment of \$20 million from the State Schools of Tomorrow initiative. The finalisation of the location of the investment has yet to be formally announced.. Since this time a number of site options have been considered and consultation is continuing.

Preliminary traffic investigations by external consultants for the Department of Education, Training and the Arts have been undertaken and provided to the Council to assist in determining the suitability of the Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE site.