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QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 508

asked on Wednesday 16 April 2008

MR LINGARD ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER IN NORTH QUEENSLAND (MR WALLACE)—

QUESTION:

Will he give an assurance that irrigators on the Logan River system are treated fairly, to ensure these rural users will maintain supplies of viable irrigation and access to 'credit' water to maintain their farming enterprises?

ANSWER:

The water planning processes maintain the Bligh Government's commitment to properly planning for a sustainable water future.

Credit water, also known as stream flow period water, has been made available to medium priority entitlement holders in the Logan River Water Supply Scheme for a number of years now. Access to these flows has allowed medium priority entitlement holders to benefit from certain run-of-the river flows not otherwise provided from SunWater's infrastructure.