

Question on Notice

No. 1701

Asked on Tuesday 10 November 2009

MR GIBSON asked the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning (MR HINCHLIFFE)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the lease of the Garapine Mountain bike trails (brought by QWI in preparation for the Traveston Crossing Dam) to a mountain bike club from outside the Gympie/Mary Valley region –

- (1) What public advertising did the Queensland Government undertake to seek expressions of interest to take up the lease, when was this advertising undertaken and in what publications?
- (2) What approaches were made to local bike clubs to gauge their interest in the lease?
- (3) How long is the lease that has been granted?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Gympie his question.

A lease over the Garapine Mountain Bike Trails has not been issued by the Queensland Water Infrastructure (QWI).

QWI advise, following an approach from Mary Valley members of the Gravity Mountain Bike Club to use certain land under the control of QWI, a licence was issued to the Club permitting use of QWI owned land. Gravity Mountain Bike Club are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the site as part of the Licence conditions.

QWI have advised the term of the licence is for a period of 12 months. Conditions of use do allow other clubs with affiliation to the Gravity Mountain Bike Club or a member of a Mountain Bike Australia affiliated club with relevant insurance, use of the licensed area.

The mountain bike trails at Garapine were constructed under the Queensland Government's Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative.

Eight long-term jobseekers graduated after completing 19 weeks of paid work developing the trails and completed accredited training on using chainsaws, felling and clearing trees and have gained recognised chainsaw licenses through the Wide Bay Institute of TAFE.