

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1842**

**Asked on Tuesday 24 November 2009**

MS DARLING ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT (MS NOLAN)—

QUESTION:

How can people in my electorate of Sandgate get involved in the planning for the Kedron to Bracken Ridge connection of the Northern Busway and what is the process after the planning study is complete?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Sandgate for the question.

Community consultation is an important part of the planning process for the Northern Busway: Kedron to Bracken Ridge. The Department of Transport and Main Roads is seeking community and stakeholder input, with consultation underway until 18 December 2009. The department is seeking community feedback to inform planning of the busway alignment and concept design of the busway and station locations, and to assist with addressing local community concerns.

During the four-week consultation period, the community can provide feedback by calling the project hotline on 1800 289 210, emailing the project team at [team@northernbusway.qld.gov.au](mailto:team@northernbusway.qld.gov.au), or by completing an on-line feedback form through the project website at [www.northernbusway.qld.gov.au](http://www.northernbusway.qld.gov.au). The community is encouraged to visit one of the five staffed displays being held during the consultation period to speak directly with members of the project team.

Through establishing a community reference group and local community consultation during the study, the department aims to capture everybody's input and get the planning right. The community reference group will be established early next year to both inform the community of the project and gain feedback on a preferred alignment.

The community information gathered during consultation, along with detailed technical investigations, will be used to develop a draft Concept Design and Impact Management Plan, which will be released for further community consultation in mid 2010. The final Concept Design and Impact Management Plan, including the preferred busway alignment and design, will be submitted to the Queensland Government for consideration. If approved, the Northern Busway corridor will be protected for future detailed design and delivery. Once the corridor is protected, any proposed developments within or adjacent to the corridor are subject to assessment by the department, to ensure new developments are properly integrated with the busway.

Construction of the Northern Busway from Kedron to Bracken Ridge is identified in the *South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program 2009 – 2026* for delivery by 2026. The Northern Busway Concept Design and Impact Management Plan will consider possible staging options to optimise the delivery of a reliable public transport system to the community.