

Question on Notice

No. 1858

Asked on Tuesday 24 November 2009

MR POWELL ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT (MS NOLAN) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update on negotiations with Moreton Bay Regional Council to address flooding on Rose Creek Road (particularly at the intersection with Bartholomew Road) and on the access road to the Elimbah Sportsground, both inadvertent consequences of the recent rail duplication project at Elimbah?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Glass House for the question.

I am advised that local roads in Elimbah east, including Rose Creek Road, the intersection of Rose Creek and Bartholomew Roads, and the Elimbah Sportsground access road, were subject to flooding before construction began on the government's \$298 million Caboolture to Beerburum Track Duplication in March 2007. This project, which was completed in mid-2009 has not contributed to increased flooding in this area.

As part of the project planning process, environmental studies were undertaken. This included hydrological studies to understand how local waterways interact with the surrounding environment and to ensure minimal environmental impact in this area. The new road and pedestrian access were designed to take into account the outcomes of these studies and met the requirements of Moreton Bay Regional Council. Any further concerns about local roads are the responsibility of Council.

In response to community concerns about access over the rail line during flood events, QR Limited is undertaking works to construct an additional access ramp on the eastern side of Elimbah station. This will provide pedestrian and disabled access over the rail line through the newly upgraded Elimbah station, via the overbridge and lifts. This new access is expected to be open in late 2009, with some finishing works to be completed in early 2010 (weather and construction conditions permitting).