

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1066

asked on Friday, 17 June 2011

MR GIBSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (MS JONES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to concerns raised by constituents regarding proposed changes to the Environment Management Plan (EM Plan) for the operation of the Kin Kin quarry—

- (1) What environmental values have been identified at the existing Kin Kin quarry site?
- (2) What life-of-proposal control strategies are within the current EM Plan to protect the identified environmental values?
- (3) What changes to the existing EM Plan would be permitted by the department, including changed community standards and what rehabilitation activities are required over the life of the EM Plan?

ANSWER:

While this question was asked of Minister Jones, due to recent changes in Ministerial responsibility, I am now the Minister responsible for this matter and therefore provide this response.

Approval for the quarry was granted by the Noosa Shire Council in 1987. DERM is now responsible for the management of this approval.

The Environmental Management Plan will ensure environmental values, including significant biodiversity values, are subject to best practice management. Noise, air water and rehabilitation are all addressed under the plan.

The Quarry Rehabilitation Management Plan focuses on returning the land to a stable, self-sustaining state, compatible with the site and surrounds. Some of the performance targets include beginning rehabilitation within six months of the final limits of extraction being attained for each bench and achieving completion within 12 months.

Aside from the rehabilitation, any areas of the site that are not being actively worked and have the potential for sediment runoff will be required to be stabilised, in line with best practice erosion and sediment control guidelines.