

Question on Notice

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DR DOUGLAS asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (MR SEENEY) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the 2018 Commonwealth Games Planning Committee decision to move further events to the Carrara precinct, thereby increasing both traffic and people movement –

- (1) What modifications to the transport plan have been made to manage additional people including athletes and spectators?
- (2) Has Nerang–Broadbeach Road been considered for widening at Nerang?
- (3) Will the State be financially supporting the newly released Gold Coast City Council transport plan for the Games and new initiatives?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Gaven for his question.

The question should have been addressed to the appropriate Minister but I am happy to answer it.

- (1) The Transport Strategic Plan for the 2018 Commonwealth Games is expected to be released for public consultation in the coming months. The Transport Strategic Plan sets the high-level principles for operation of the Games' time transport system.

Venue transport strategies will then be developed for each competition venue, which will detail the preferred strategy to balance the transport needs of spectators, athletes, media and officials, while providing for business as usual for Gold Coast residents and businesses.

Venue transport strategy development will take into account forecast spectator movements and the forecast traffic movements associated with the Games.

- (2) The Department of Transport and Main Roads, in conjunction with the Council of the City of Gold Coast, is currently undertaking planning for various roads on the Gold Coast in preparation for the Commonwealth Games. Nerang–Broadbeach Road will be an important transport route to Carrara precinct for spectators, athletes and all those involved in delivering the games. For the Nerang section of Nerang–Broadbeach Road there has been no decision to widen it to four lanes where it connects to the Pacific Motorway.

- (3) The state, through the Department of Transport and Main Roads, is working closely with the Council of the City of Gold Coast to develop the transport plans and deliver the necessary infrastructure to meet the requirements of the 2018 Commonwealth Games transport task. Until the Transport Strategic Plan is released for consultation, and the subsequent venue transport strategies are completed, the prioritised transport solutions will not be finalised, and the financial arrangements agreed.