

Question on Notice

No. 1055

Asked on Thursday 15 October 2015

MR DICKSON asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade (HON J TRAD) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the approved Aura development at Caloundra South, which will see an additional 50,000 people expected to reside in the area as this large 30 year project gets underway—

Will the Deputy Premier commit to an upgrade/duplication of the North Coast rail line, as there will be unprecedented levels of congestion on the Bruce Highway?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Buderim for the question.

I can advise the Member that the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is continuing to progress the Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade project through the Queensland Government's Project Assurance Framework.

The Preliminary Evaluation is now complete. The Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade project will now proceed to the Business Case Development phase.

Building Queensland will lead the business case development, including procurement activities, with TMR to remain the project owner.

Once the business case is completed, the project will be prioritised alongside other infrastructure priorities for the State.

I note that the previous government had no plan for infrastructure in Queensland. The Palaszczuk Government has released the Draft State Infrastructure Plan for feedback.

The North Coast Line/Beerburrum to Nambour rail upgrade project is listed in the Draft State Infrastructure Plan and the Queensland Government will continue to work with the Federal Government to secure funding for this and other vital infrastructure projects.

In addition, TMR and Economic Development Qld have signed an Infrastructure Agreement with Stockland regarding requirements and responsibilities about state-controlled roads (Bruce Highway, Caloundra Road and the future Bells Creek Arterial Road), and future public passenger transport, both the Beerwah to Caloundra South rail line and bus services to cater for the proposed Caloundra South (Aura) development.

