

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 481

asked on Thursday, 4 June 2015

MR BOOTHMAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES (DR LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister continue the work of the previous LNP Government in the protection of residential land within the region of The Plateau, Ormeau from quarrying, through the creation of an expanded buffer zone, thus giving certainty to residents located within the affected area?

ANSWER:

‘The Plateau’ within Ormeau Hills is currently included within the Northern Darlington Range Key Resource Area, referred to as KRA 67 in the State Planning Policy. This in itself does not permit quarrying close to the residences.

The development at ‘The Plateau’ has preceded any quarrying, so it must be protected from quarry impacts by the operating conditions imposed on either existing or future quarries and associated transport operations.

This matter has been discussed with the Gold Coast City Council and the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning with a view to amending the key resource area boundary to reflect zonings that pre-exist its commencement in September 2007. This amendment will exclude the residential area from KRA 67.