

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 738**

**Asked on 15 September 2015**

**MR CRANDON** asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade (MS TRAD) –

### **QUESTION:**

Will the Minister advise when the review of the South East Regional Plan will be completed?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Honourable Member for Coomera for his question.

The Government is currently undertaking a review of the South East Queensland Regional Plan (SEQRP) in response to updated population forecasts for South East Queensland to the year 2041. The plan will determine how South East Queensland will sustainably manage and accommodate an estimated additional 2.2 million people in the region over the next 25 years.

The former Newman Government commenced the review of the SEQRP in mid-2013 and originally indicated that a draft regional plan would be released for public consultation in mid-2014. However, in late 2014, the then Government extended the program for the review.

This Government remains committed to delivering a new draft regional plan for public consultation in early 2016 and, subject to the results of community engagement, a final plan in late 2016.

This Government is also committed to ensuring the preparation of the new regional plan is underpinned by the principles of collaboration and transparency, and having recently chaired the South East Queensland Regional Planning Committee (RPC) I have had the opportunity to hear, first hand, the views of local government Mayors on the important issues facing South East Queensland.

I look forward continuing to work with local government Mayors and relevant Ministers through the RPC process to ensure a new regional plan meets the future needs of our community.

To help seed this discussion with our community, the Government will be soon releasing a directions paper on managing growth in South East Queensland. This directions paper will highlight some of the opportunities and challenges associated with managing growth in the region, and will serve as an important initiative enabling

the Government to listen to the community's views on important issues, well before a draft regional plan is released for public consultation early next year.