

Question on Notice

No. 1439

Asked on Tuesday, 30 August 2016

MR DICKSON asked the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply (HON M BAILEY) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise if the government has made any commitments for the preloading work of the Mooloolah River Interchange, knowing that it will be at least two years before any bitumen is laid?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Buderim for the question.

As the Member is aware, my department has fixed an alignment for the Mooloolah River interchange project and is currently preserving the corridor for future construction.

The recommended option includes an upgrade of the Mooloolah River interchange, a land-based road crossing of the Mooloolah River through the Hideaway Waters area and duplicating the Sunshine Motorway between Kawana Way interchange and the Mooloolah River interchange.

Earth compaction works related to the Mooloolah River Interchange project are part of the overall estimated project cost of \$433 million, and would need to be undertaken as part of the project.

Timing for construction will be subject to competing priorities and available state funds. Funding is not yet allocated for construction of the Mooloolah River Interchange project, as was the case under the previous government. Any further project phases will be subject to competing priorities and available state funds.

The Queensland Government is currently focussing on other ways to improve access to and from the new Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH), currently under construction.

I am pleased to advise that roadworks commenced in July 2016 on upgrading four roundabouts on Kawana Way as the first priority which is part of the Queensland Government's \$22 million funding package to improve access to the SCUH.

My department is fast-tracking design of a solution to the current bottlenecks near Woodlands Boulevard, south of the SCUH site. Design will include additional north and southbound lanes along Kawana Way Link Road, Woodlands Boulevard and Creekside Boulevard/Kawana Way.