

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

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**MR CRIPPS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Minister's decision to declare Adani's Carmichael coal mine, rail and associated water infrastructure as 'critical infrastructure'—

Will the Minister advise how many times the Coordinator-General has intervened to accelerate approvals that are subject to that declaration for this project since 9 October 2016 and how much assessment time has been saved as a result?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government strongly supports the boost to the regions that the sustainable development of the Galilee Basin would provide. Regional Queensland needs the jobs and the significant economic development the Galilee projects, such as Adani's mine, rail, port and water project, will bring.

In line with the government's strong support for the project, on 7 October 2016, I declared the Adani Combined Project of the Carmichael Coal Mine and Rail Project, North Galilee Basin Rail Project and the North Galilee Water Scheme Project both a prescribed project and a critical infrastructure project.

This project status (prescribed project and critical infrastructure project) enlivens the Coordinator-General's powers to keep the project moving and intervene if necessary.

The Coordinator-General monitors all the project approvals in detail but has not formally intervened to date using these powers, because in his assessment there have been no delays requiring his intervention.

In fact, since the government came to power in early 2015, approvals for Adani's projects have advanced significantly. During this period, there have been 22 key Commonwealth, state and local government approvals granted to the project and there have been 32 key milestones reached.