

Question on Notice

No. 2324

Asked on 1 December 2016

MRS SMITH asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade and Investment (Hon J Trad) —

QUESTION:

Will the Deputy Premier advise when the future of the Oxley Secondary Site will be decided?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Mount Ommaney for the question.

The Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, through Economic Development Queensland (EDQ), has been engaging with local residents and business owners since April 2016 and is proposing to further consult with the Oxley community in February 2017.

EDQ is committed to genuinely engaging with the local community to gain a better understanding of local issues and priorities to help guide potential renewal and revitalisation opportunities for the site.

EDQ's engagement activities have included two community information sessions held in May 2016, two newsletters and an online survey. Based on feedback from the community, in July 2016 EDQ facilitated a community reference group, which involved eight members of the community consulting with the broader community to prepare a presentation on the community's aspirations for the site and the provision of community uses and facilities. Following this, in October 2016, EDQ met with a number of community organisations, and met with Indigenous Elders in November 2016.

EDQ is currently considering the community feedback and revising its concepts to reflect the community's desire for community uses and facilities.

I expect to be in a position to make a decision on what role EDQ may have in the future of the site after that next phase of engagement. Should I decide to proceed with the development, I am advised that the project could fund delivery of community uses of facilities.