

## Question on Notice

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Asked on Thursday, 16 February 2017

**MS F SIMPSON** asked the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply (HON M BAILEY) —

### QUESTION:

With reference to the status of planning works for the proposed upgrade of the Mooloolah River interchange—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many properties have been purchased in preparation for the new road to link with Kawana Way and when were these purchased, (b) how many properties are yet to be purchased and (c) what progress has this Labor Government committed to with the upgrade of this vital link road to the new Sunshine Coast University Hospital and health precinct?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Maroochydore for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has fixed an alignment for the Mooloolah River Interchange (MRI) project and is currently preserving the corridor for future construction. The recommended option includes an upgrade of the MRI, a land-based road crossing of the Mooloolah River through the Hideaway Waters area and duplicating the Sunshine Motorway from two to four lanes between Kawana Way interchange and the MRI.

I am advised that a total of 164 properties (including detached dwellings and units) are required for construction of the MRI project. Of these, 107 properties have been progressively acquired by TMR since 2002, with another two properties currently in negotiation stage for acquisition. These two properties plus another 51 properties are required for the project. TMR is working with property owners to advise them of their options under the Early Acquisition Policy.

Finalisation of the formal business case for the MRI project now rests with Building Queensland.

As the Member may be aware, construction is complete on the priority intersection projects as part of the \$22 million worth of road upgrades to improve access to the Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH). Capacity improvements were made at four roundabouts on Kawana Way and north and southbound motorists are now able to use two lanes in each direction through the Jamaica Way, Kawana Island Boulevard, Metier Linkway and Premier Circuit roundabouts. This will significantly improve the peak-hour queuing that was being experienced by motorists. Cyclists will also benefit from the new dedicated off-road lanes through the roundabouts.

Capacity-improvement works on Kawana Way Link Road between Woodlands and Creekside Boulevards are on target for completion by mid-year. These upgrades will supplement the Emergency Vehicle Priority program already rolled out along Nicklin Way. The system provides a green traffic signal to approaching emergency vehicles when safe to do so.

As the Member is aware, planning was not completed for the MRI project during the three years of the previous Newman LNP Government. The Palaszczuk Government is advancing the incomplete work of the previous government and getting on with the job. Timing for construction will be subject to competing priorities and available state funds. Funding is not yet allocated for construction of the MRI project, as was the case under the previous government.