

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on 16 February 2017

MR S KNUTH 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 improve safety on Tinaroo Falls Dam for recreational boat use by allowing the removal of tree stumps and hazards that are currently exposed due to the low water level caused by the drought?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the Question.

To collaborate on addressing public safety concerns at Lake Tinaroo, SunWater has established a community reference group with other parties that also have an interest in this issue, such as Maritime Safety Queensland, Tablelands Regional Council, the Queensland Police Service, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, user interest groups and other community members.

As an outcome of the first meeting on 31 January this year, the group agreed to work together to identify locations of tree stumps and other hazards that present the highest level of risk to recreational boating.

No decision has been made about the removal of the many tree stumps as yet, as the risks to safety, and costs, are still under investigation by the community reference group.

On 2 January 2017, Tinaroo Falls Dam fell to its lowest level since 2003, at 31.3 per cent. However, since that time, the level of the dam has risen and as at 20 March 2017, it is at 48.3 per cent.

Due to the increasing water level, the Maritime Safety Queensland gazette notice of 13 January 2017, restricting speed and water skiing on Lake Tinaroo, was lifted on 20 February 2017.