

Question on Notice

No. 1094

Asked on Wednesday 5 September 2018

MR L MILLAR ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Minister's announcement of a planning study to review transport operations on the Capricorn Highway between Codenwarra Road and Opal Street, Emerald—

Will the Minister advise if the contiguous intersection of the Capricorn Highway and the Gregory Highway will be included in this planning study?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Gregory for the question.

A planning study to review transport operations on the Capricorn Highway between Codenwarra Road and Opal Street in Emerald is currently underway.

This study will guide future transport needs and investment opportunities for the Capricorn Highway in Emerald, and will review infrastructure needs, traffic capacity, pedestrian facilities and general safety improvements. Through this study, the Department of Transport and Main Roads will also support council's investigation of options to mitigate flooding in Emerald. With council's decision to not progress with flood levees, the planning study will consider a new, high-level bridge over the Nogoia River.

Planning for the adjoining intersection of the Capricorn and Gregory Highways is not included in this planning study. However, the department has allocated \$400,000 in 2018–19 to undertake preliminary design for the intersection of the Capricorn and Gregory Highways, which will consider traffic capacity upgrades and safety improvements.

The design for this project is expected to be completed by June 2019.