

Question on Notice

No. 1181

Asked on Tuesday 18 September 2018

MR C BOYCE ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister investigate why the Independent Arbitrator, Justice Callaghan, appointed by Banana Shire Council and Baralaba Coal, ruled in favour of Baralaba Coal to allow use of the public access haul road despite significant concerns from local residents in regards to safety issues?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Callide for the question.

As Moura–Baralaba Road is a local government road that falls within the jurisdiction of Banana Shire Council (BSC), the Department of Transport and Main Roads is unable to investigate or provide comment on why Justice Callaghan ruled in favour of Baralaba Coal to allow use of the public access haul road.

A Class 2 permit is required from the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) for road trains to operate on the road network, and any request for access would have been forwarded by the NHVR to the relevant road manager which, in this case, is BSC. Therefore, further information relating to this decision would need to be raised with BSC.