

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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MR C BOYCE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister clarify why there is a proposal to lower the level of Paradise Dam by 17 metres?

ANSWER:

SunWater is investigating a range of improvement options for Paradise Dam to ensure it meets the latest design standards and dam safety regulations.

The first stage of improvement works for Paradise Dam was completed in late 2017, and this addressed the immediate dam safety risks following damage to the dam wall in 2013.

Building Queensland is leading the detailed business case for further improvements to ensure the long-term safety of the dam against extreme weather events. It is prudent and a normal part of the business case process to investigate and evaluate all options.

No preferred option has been determined. Any decision will fully consider long-term water demand and economic benefits. The water supply to existing customers and potential future customers will not be compromised.

SunWater is currently engaging with customers to determine water demand and the outcome of this engagement will be considered before any investment decision is made.