

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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MR S ANDREW ASKED THE MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT, MANUFACTURING, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING (HON C DICK)—

QUESTION:

With reference to QC2100 initiative funding to mitigate flooding and cyclone damage in 'High Risk – Low Development' residential coastal areas and measures to strengthen Queensland disaster recovery—

Will the Minister advise why (a) the Queensland Government is seeking expressions of interest from private investors to develop shorelines of Whitsunday Islands and national parks, despite recent destruction from Tropical Cyclone Debbie and (b) developments on the Queensland coast, including islands and national parks, which are at risk of rising sea levels, are not designated 'High Risk – Low Development'?

ANSWER:

- (a) This matter is the responsibility of the Minister for Innovation and Tourism Industry Development and Minister for the Commonwealth Games.
- (b) Queensland's coastal mapping includes coastal hazards (erosion prone areas and storm tide inundation) and the coastal management district. Both the erosion prone areas and the coastal management district are statutory maps declared under the *Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995*. The coastal mapping includes the projected sea-level rise of 0.8m by the year 2100.

The State Planning Policy and the State Development Assessment Provisions rely upon state wide coastal mapping. The State Planning Policy requires local planning instruments to identify and consider the risks of natural hazards including the impacts of climate change, in deciding where development is intended to occur. The State Planning Policy further seeks to ensure that development in erosion prone areas is primarily avoided, while retaining limited opportunities for certain development such as essential community infrastructure and coastal dependent development.

Where development is proposed in a coastal management district, applications are also assessed by the Queensland Government through the State Assessment and Referral Agency against the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP). *State code 8: Coastal development and tidal works*, seeks to ensure that development is designed and located to protect life, buildings and infrastructure from coastal erosion and to maintain coastal processes and conserve coastal resources. Any proposal for development would need to comply with this code.