

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 590**  
**Asked on 16 May 2018**

**MR S ANDREW** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR INNOVATION AND TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER FOR THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES (HON K JONES) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the Carbine Resources Tailings Project in the historical town of Mt Morgan which is no longer going ahead —

Will the Minister advise what the government will do to provide financial support to decrease the unemployment level and increase tourism in the region of Mt Morgan?

ANSWER:

Tourism is a significant driver of jobs growth and economic development in regional communities.

Under the Works for Queensland program, the Palaszczuk Government invested more than \$1.4 million towards the Mount Morgan CBD revitalisation project, which was officially opened on 23 February 2018.

The revitalisation features harbours replicating the 'Tree of Knowledge', refurbished cultural icons and rebuilt amenities.

The investment supported up to 40 jobs during construction, helping cement Mount Morgan as a must-see destination for visitors to Central Queensland.

The Palaszczuk Government has provided record funding for tourism in the latest State Budget including a \$36 million Tourism Infrastructure Fund.