

## Question on Notice

No. 869

Asked on Friday, 15 June 2018

**MR J KRAUSE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF, MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the status of the rehabilitation plan for the Ebenezer mine (held by Zedemar) near Ipswich—

Will the Minister advise (a) what money the government holds for rehabilitation, (b) the estimated cost of rehabilitation, (c) of any proposals to fill voids at the mine and (d) what water monitoring is being undertaken to ensure water from the mine is not contaminating the Warrill Creek and Bremer River?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

The current plan of operations submitted to the Department of Environment and Science for the 2017 to 2022 period states that full rehabilitation of Ebenezer Mine, as per conditions of the environmental authority will be achieved by 2022. The amount of financial assurance held is \$1.2 million (excl. GST).

The amount of financial assurance currently held is based on an assessment of the likely costs and expenses that the Queensland Government may incur in taking action to rehabilitate or restore the site and protect the environment from harm, should the environmental authority holder fail to meet its environmental obligations.

The department is currently working with the environmental authority holder regarding the closure and rehabilitation of the site.

The environmental authority for the site contains conditions requiring the environmental authority holder to conduct monitoring of water storages on site, and also at upstream and downstream locations within Ebenezer Creek when releases from the mine occur. The environmental authority also contains water quality criteria that must be complied with during releases.