

Question on Notice

No. 935

Asked on Tuesday 21 August 2018

MR J COSTIGAN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to political and community pressure in relation to the Dingo Beach boat ramp—

Will the Minister now commit to further upgrades to marine infrastructure in the Whitsunday Electorate, including the Murray Creek boat ramp?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Whitsunday for the question.

Listed below are the Palaszczuk Government's current commitments to boating infrastructure in the Whitsundays area:

- \$5 million to fund channel deepening works at Molongle Creek
- \$4 million for boat ramps across the Whitsundays, including Midge Point, \$1.4 million for a new boat ramp in the Cape Gloucester/Dingo Beach area, and improvements to Shute Harbour.

I can assure the Member for Whitsunday that these commitments will be delivered after much neglect by the previous LNP government, of which the Member for Whitsunday was a member.

Recent extensive community consultation on site at Cape Gloucester, and via an online survey, confirmed that the community's strong preference was for an upgraded boat ramp at Dingo Beach, rather than alternate sites at Black Currant Island and Frog Rock.

Funding for additional new and upgraded boat ramps in the Whitsundays area, such as the one at Murray Creek, will be considered in future funding rounds after the current Marine Infrastructure Fund commitments are delivered.