

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1566

asked on Tuesday 15 October 2019

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**MR N DAMETTO** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT, MANUFACTURING, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING (HON C DICK)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Cassowary Coast Regional Council receiving \$1.5m towards the dredging of Port Hinchinbrook's One Mile Creek—

Will the Minister commit to matching the Federal Government's funding of \$1.5m to help restore all tidal access to this public facility to improve maritime safety and stimulate Cardwell's economy?

ANSWER:

I understand that The Passage Holdings Pty Ltd acquired Port Hinchinbrook from the liquidator of the Williams Corporation, who was the original developer.

The Passage Holdings Pty Ltd agreed to take on responsibility for dredging the canal when it took over the development and that agreement now sits with its liquidators.

I understand that during the 2019 Australian federal election, the Federal LNP committed to dredging Port Hinchinbrook harbour. Having made the commitment, it is now incumbent on the Federal LNP Government to deliver in full. I believe governments should be accountable for their commitments and I do not believe the Federal LNP Government should expect the Queensland taxpayer to co-fund its election commitment.

As the member may be aware, the Palaszczuk Government has funded the Cassowary Coast Regional Council to undertake emergency repairs and maintenance of the sewage treatment plant for Port Hinchinbrook. I note the Federal LNP Government has not offered to make any reciprocal contribution towards this initiative.