

## Question on Notice

No. 1660

Asked on Thursday 17 October 2019

**MR D PEGG** ASKED DEPUTY PREMIER, TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS (HON J TRAD)—

QUESTION:

Will the Deputy Premier provide an update on the path to treaty in Queensland?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government launched *Tracks to Treaty – Reframing the relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders* on 14 July 2019.

A key element of the initiative is *Path to Treaty* which represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity for all Queenslanders to come together and be a part of this journey towards a future that is more just, equal and respectful for First Nations Queenslanders.

An independent Eminent Panel of Queensland Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous members has been appointed to lead the conversation, co-chaired by Dr Jackie Huggins and Professor, the Hon Michael Lavarch AO.

A consultation paper was released on 13 September 2019 inviting all Queenslanders to have their say by making a written submission, completing the online survey or attending one of the 26 community consultation sessions being held across regional, rural and remote Queensland.

A Treaty Working Group has been established to lead discussions at the community consultations. The Working Group consists of respected community leaders, experts and young leaders. Guided by the Eminent Panel, the Treaty Working Group is exploring the key issues and perspectives from Queenslanders on what a treaty means, and what it could look like, and will report back to the Eminent Panel following the conclusion of the consultation process.

Community consultation sessions commenced in Cairns on Thursday 17 October 2019 with a forum attended by more than 200 community members. Consultations will be held in 26 locations across the state including the Torres Strait, Weipa, Cunnamulla, Woorabinda, Rockhampton, Cherbourg, Brisbane and Logan.

A consultation session in Logan is scheduled for 3 December 2019, I encourage the Member to attend.

The closing date for submissions is Friday 6 December 2019. For the full list of community sessions and more information on how to get involved, please visit [www.datsip.qld.gov.au/treaty](http://www.datsip.qld.gov.au/treaty).