

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1796**

**Asked on Thursday 24 October 2019**

**MR M BOOTHMAN** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

### **QUESTION:**

With reference to the John Muntz Bridge and its history of being impacted by major weather events—

Will the Minister provide an update on what actions or plans the department has developed in consultation with Gold Coast City Council to reinforce or armour the riverbank upstream of the bridge to reduce the possibility of further damage to the riverbank and the connection road?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Theodore for the question.

Severe Tropical Cyclone Debbie was a significant weather system which resulted in widespread damage to the road network across large parts of the State, including the approaches to the John Muntz Bridge and a number of Gold Coast hinterland roads. While the John Muntz Bridge was not structurally damaged during the event, the western causeway approach was eroded and severely damaged due to this extreme flood. The causeway and river banks immediately within the road corridor have been repaired and reinforced with additional rock armouring for protection against future similar floods.

The upstream riverbank was also severely eroded, which is described as natural channel movement due to this extreme flood. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) met with City of Gold Coast (CGC) about the erosion of the upstream riverbank and has offered technical assistance to assist with understanding the flood patterns. While the protection of the riverbank outside the road corridor is not the responsibility of TMR, TMR remains willing to assist CGC should it wish to undertake further hydraulic assessment of this section of the Coomera River.