

Question on Notice

No. 1886

Asked on Wednesday 27 November 2019

MS F SIMPSON ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the recommendations of the Mooloolaba Spit Futures Plan (2009) in relation to the Government and Peninsula Precinct of the Mooloolaba Spit—

Will the Minister advise (a) what plans are in place to consolidate marine services at this key location at the end of the Spit and better utilise this space and provide greater public access to the parkland and waterfront and (b) what plans are in place to relocate the Boating and Fisheries Patrol buildings to this site and to integrate these areas into the surrounding open space for public use?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Maroochydore for the question.

The marine operations base at the end of the Mooloolaba Spit is in need of renewal, with one of the buildings on the site now unused with some workers having to operate from temporary demountable accommodation.

The Palaszczuk Government recognises the important function the marine operations base plays in accommodating government and related functions. As a result, it is important to plan for the future and ensure the facilities are fit-for-purpose and provide for the best utilisation of available land and water.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is investigating options to ensure the site can continue to meet these needs in appropriate accommodation.

TMR is undertaking preliminary investigations regarding the option of consolidating the current marine services on the site, however the department has not formulated a final plan at this time. Future options, if progressed, would seek to improve building amenities and public access.

TMR will work closely with the community, council, local businesses and stakeholders should any new proposal appear, and will make sure the local community has its say on any proposal.

We know the Spit is a popular location for residents, visitors and businesses and we don't want it to become decrepit over time. That is why it is important to plan for the future and invest in the facilities our community needs.

Unlike the Newman LNP Government that failed to deliver any substantial improvements for the Mooloolaba Spit during its three years in office, our government will work to ensure our marine operations workers have proper accommodation while also maximising public access.