

Question on Notice

No. 1909

Asked on 27 November 2019

MR A PERRETT ASKED MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES (HON M FURNER)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Queensland timber industry—

Will the Minister outline (a) when the timber advisory panel responsible for overseeing the timber action plan will first meet, (b) the budgeted cost of the two-year study to identify sustainable future options for timber supply, including on private land, to be completed in 2021, (c) the location of and process for determining the 20,000 hectares of state-owned land south of Noosa now slated for conservation in 2024 and (d) the number of contracts that will be affected by the ending of ‘rollingterm’ permits in the western hardwoods region?

ANSWER:

- (a) The Native Timber Industry Advisory Panel will be established and meet in 2020. The panel will have an independent Chair and will be responsible for providing advice to the Government on policy options and implications.
- (b) Scoping work is currently underway in regards to the two-year study to identify sustainable timber supply options, including the project method. This will determine the project costs.
- (c) The process for determining the 20 000 hectares of State-owned land to be transitioned to conservation by 2024 will be led by the Department of Environment and Science, in consultation with other agencies including the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy. This will take into account the State’s native timber supply commitments under existing sales permits and other potential constraints on tenure.
- (d) Two ‘rolling-term’ sales permits are currently in place for the supply of State-owned native timber in the Western hardwoods region.