

**Question on Notice**

**No. 1937**

**Asked on Thursday 28 November 2019**

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

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister advise (a) the outcome of the Department's investigations into the feasibility of extending the breakwater wall at the mouth of the Mooloolah River and its impact on future shoaling and (b) what the Minister is doing to ensure boaties continue to have safe entrance into Mooloolaba Harbour?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Maroochydore for the question.

- a) The Department of Transport and Main Roads has engaged a consultant to undertake investigations into the feasibility of extending the Mooloolaba breakwater and impacts of any associated shoaling. It is expected this study will be completed by late 2020.
- b) A hydrographic survey of the Mooloolah River entrance channel was undertaken on 24 October 2019 and some minor shoaling was identified. Hall Contracting Pty Ltd was engaged on 19 November 2019 to undertake maintenance to the permanent dredge pipeline, located in the river entrance in preparation for future dredging works.

A follow-up survey of the Mooloolah River entrance channel was undertaken on 3 December 2019, and further shoaling was identified within the entrance. Dredging commenced on 16 December 2019, with completion of the dredging dependent on weather conditions.