

Question on Notice

No. 1954

Asked on Thursday 28 November 2019

MR J COSTIGAN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the significant underspend by the Palaszczuk Labor Government in relation to the new Dingo Beach boat ramp—

Will the Minister commit to redirecting the surplus funds to fixing the silted up boat ramp at St Helens Beach in keeping with the wishes of the local community?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Whitsunday for the question.

The St Helens boat launching facility is a part-tide open beach access ramp that requires boaties to work the tides to launch and retrieve their boats. Sediment management at St Helens Beach is restricted to what can be achieved with a land-based long arm excavator. TMR works closely with the Mackay Regional Council, which is the appointed manager for the ramp and responsible for maintenance.

As previously advised to the Member in QoN1810, any savings from the initial capital funds allocation for the Dingo Beach project will be invested in new and improved boating infrastructure in the Mackay and Whitsunday region.