

Question on Notice

No. 287

Asked on Thursday, 28 February 2019

MR D PEGG ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF, MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise what action the Palaszczuk Government is taking to boost Queensland's critical scientific infrastructure?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

On 27 February 2019, the Queensland Government announced the \$25 million Research Infrastructure Co-investment Fund. This Fund will enable Queensland to maintain and grow its leading-edge science and innovation capabilities. Funding will be prioritised for existing or planned Queensland based National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy facilities that demonstrate significant potential economic, environmental and social benefits for Queensland. This fund will bring the latest state-of-the-art equipment to Queensland and enable cutting-edge research.

The development of the Boggo Road Precinct in Dutton Park as a significant knowledge precinct is another exciting opportunity for Queenslanders. The Queensland Government is building on existing world class research infrastructure such as the Translational Research Institute and Ecosciences Precinct to create a world-class knowledge precinct connected to universities and schools.

The recently released *TransformingSEQ – The SEQ City Deal Proposition* identifies enabling infrastructure including a major land bridge and new bio-foundry facility as key investment opportunities to unlock the potential of the precinct. The precinct will become a leader in the incubation and commercialisation of our knowledge assets and attract established innovative industry partners that provide significant scale and value add.