

## Question on Notice

No. 328

Asked on Tuesday 26 March 2019

**MR S ANDREW** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

### QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise what measures are to be taken to avoid Queensland tax payers having to maintain infrastructure such as accelerated road damage caused by the expanded Shoalwater Military Training areas?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Mirani for the question.

The Australian Government has announced plans for the \$140 million Shoalwater Bay training area remediation project, upgrading the facility in Central Queensland to support increased usage, including a camp, access road and creek crossing upgrades, and the construction of a new Urban Operations Training Facility.

In Queensland, the assessment of a development's traffic impacts is considered during regulatory processes for development proposals. Broadly, development proposals can be categorised as:

- developments made assessable under the *Planning Act 2016* (the Planning Act)
- major development projects assessed outside the Planning Act, including declared 'coordinated projects' assessed under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* and major developments subject to an environmental impact statement under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

At this time, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has not been engaged:

- as a referral agency under the Planning Act to assess a development application for the proposed Shoalwater Bay training area remediation project
- by the Coordinator-General, or any other government department, to provide a response to a declaration of the Shoalwater Bay Training area remediation project as a 'major project' or other development outside the Planning Act.

TMR has been engaged as part of early planning discussions by consultants for the Shoalwater Bay project to provide advice on state-controlled road upgrades which may be conditioned if/when the development is constructed. These consultants have provided details for the potential upgrade of the Bruce Highway and Stanage Bay Road intersection, approximately 70 kilometres north of Rockhampton.

When the project formally progresses, TMR expects to be consulted to assess the project's potential impacts on the state-controlled road network.