

Question on Notice

No. 568

Asked on Thursday 4 April 2019

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

QUESTION:

With reference to concerns about the new concept design and the impact on businesses of the M1 Motorway Exit 57 Oxenford—

Will the Minister advise if the Department of Transport and Main Roads consulted with local businesses along Old Pacific Highway Oxenford before the concept design was released?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Theodore for the question.

There was no action on the Exit 57 Oxenford Interchange for three years while the Member was part of the Newman LNP Government when not a single new dollar was spent on the M1.

As advised in my previous response to the Member's Question on Notice about the design for the upgrade of Exit 57, tabled on 29 March 2019, and the Member's Question on Notice about community consultation on the Exit 57 upgrade, tabled on 26 April 2019, I was pleased to announce on 20 March 2019 the release of the reference design for the upgrade.

The release of this design has enabled consultation to commence with the community, including local businesses along the Old Pacific Highway. Consultation commenced on 20 March 2019 and is ongoing with feedback to be considered in preparation of the final design.

The Palaszczuk Government's investment to upgrade Exit 57 is part of the record \$21.7 billion budgeted for the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2018–19 to 2021–22* (QTRIP) and is evidence of our government's commitment to Building a Better M1 and delivering for the Gold Coast. Our record four-year QTRIP will support 19,000 jobs over the life of the program.

Our approach is in stark contrast to the former Newman LNP Government which cut more than \$600 million from QTRIP during its term in office. It was also the Newman LNP Government which cut 14,000 workers from the public service, including staff employed in the Department of Transport and Main Roads.