

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 138

asked on Thursday, 6 February 2020

MR N DAMETTO ASKED THE MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT, MANUFACTURING, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING (HON C DICK)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Copperstring Project which is a great industry building infrastructure asset costing over \$1b but only requires a \$20m investment from government to progress and provide strong certainty of its completion—

Will the Minister stand in and fund this gap to ensure this project is not lost to North Queensland?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government recognises the potential benefits of the Copperstring 2.0 project to the North West Minerals Province.

That is why the Queensland Government has already contributed financially to the project development costs and is devoting significant resources of several departments to work closely with the proponent's team of advisers.

In addition, on 26 April 2019 the Coordinator-General declared the project a coordinated project for which an environmental impact statement is required.

The proponent is now required to prepare a comprehensive environmental impact statement for the project and the Coordinator-General will undertake a rigorous assessment of all environmental, social and economic impacts, informed by extensive community consultation.

I am advised that the Queensland Government has not received a further funding request from the Copperstring proponent at this time.