

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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MR S BENNETT ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise when funding will be made available for crucial works to rehabilitate the natural waterway of Moneys Creek in the Burnett Electorate?

ANSWER:

The Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy provided \$62,500 to the Burnett Mary Regional Group in 2018 to undertake a feasibility study into works that could be undertaken to improve water quality in Moneys Creek.

Initial assessment of the study indicates that:

- The water quality issues in Moneys Creek are largely the result of urban planning decisions, which are outside the scope of the department's Natural Resources Investment Program.
- Agricultural practices in the upper catchment are generally sound.
- Any investment in improvements in the upper catchment is unlikely to result in any significant improvement in water quality.

Without council investment to address urban runoff issues, any investment in the upper catchment as proposed by this project would not likely result in any water quality improvements.