

**Question on Notice
No. 9
Asked on 4 Feb 2020**

MR N DAMETTO ASKED THE MINISTER FOR INNOVATION AND TOURISM
INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND CROSS RIVER RAIL (HON K JONES) —

QUESTION:

With reference to Vogue showcasing the spectacular Wallaman Falls in the Hinchinbrook Electorate, placing it on its bucketlist of places to see in Queensland —

Will the Minister commit to fast-tracking the Wallaman to Paluma eco-tourism project by allocating funding to go towards ground truthing and cultural surveying of the area so that these works can run concurrent to the development of the business case for the walking, mountain bike trail and eco-accommodation project?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to creating unforgettable ecotourism experiences that help grow our visitor economy and support local jobs.

As part of our focus on Indigenous tourism in 2020, we are investing \$450 000 in partnership with the Federal Government to develop a Strategic Business Case for the Paluma to Wallaman Falls eco-tourism project. This Strategic Business Case is being developed in close consultation with the three local Traditional Owners groups.

The Strategic Business Case will include cultural engagement with Traditional Owners and will help form the basis for a commercial assessment of the overall project, which will determine the next steps.

Thank you for your support of this project.