

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1203

asked on 13 October 2021

MR C BOYCE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURING AND MINISTER FOR WATER (HON G BUTCHER)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Coordinator-General's evaluation report on the EIS of Nathan Dam and Pipelines project having lapsed on 1 June 2021—
Will the Minister advise the current status of the Nathan Dam and Pipelines Project?

ANSWER:

The Nathan Dam Evaluation Report was originally finalised in 2012 and the subsequent Environmental Impact Study (EIS) was approved by the Australian Government in 2017, based on the water being supplied for mining use only.

There is currently insufficient demand from the mining sector, the original intended water user base, to support further development or construction of the dam at this time.

The Queensland Government continues to monitor demand for water in the area. Should demand change, the project and investment options will be reconsidered.

The recently commenced regional water assessment for the Southern and Darling Downs region will consider the region's broader water infrastructure needs into the future.