

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1210

asked on 13 October 2021

DR M ROBINSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURING AND MINISTER FOR WATER (HON G BUTCHER)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the aquifer on North Stradbroke Island—

Will the Minister (a) advise the current status and (b) confirm that the reopening of a sinkhole near Amity is not connected to island water being extracted for pumping into the grid?

ANSWER:

The coastal erosion referred to at Amity Point on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) is not related to water being extracted by pumping groundwater for urban use. The erosion is formed by coastal processes such as waves, wind and tidal currents. The term 'sink hole' is inappropriate, as a sink hole results from land slipping into underground cavities. I am advised there are no cavities beneath the surface in the Amity Point area.

I am also advised that the Redland City Council has commissioned studies to better understand the triggers for the coastal erosion events at Amity Point.