

QUESTION ON NOTICE
Asked on Thursday, 25 February 2021
Answer Due: Monday, 29 March 2021

125 **MR J MADDEN** ASKED MINISTER FOR SENIORS AND DISABILITY SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS (HON C CRAWFORD)

With reference to the Palaszczuk Government Treaty Statement of Commitment and Response, Treaty Working Group report and the Eminent Panel recommendations tabled by the Premier in August 2020—

Will the Minister advise how the government is further progressing Path to Treaty and how the constituents of Ipswich West can have a voice in this process?

ANSWER:

Investing in the Path to Treaty is an investment in reconciliation and healing, to progress our State towards a time where we can reconcile the past and work together towards a future of shared equality and prosperity.

The government is committed to continuing to progress the Path to Treaty through the Treaty Advancement Committee appointed on 12 February 2021.

The Committee members are:

- Dr Jackie Huggins AM (co-chair): Bidjara/Birri Gubba Juru woman, former Co-Chair of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, and former Co-Chair of the Path to Treaty Eminent Panel and Treaty Working Group
- Mr Mick Gooda (co-chair) Ghungalu man, former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner of the Australian Human Rights Commission, and former Co-Chair of the Treaty Working Group
- Emeritus Professor Michael Lavarch AO, former Attorney General for Australia and former Co-Chair of the Path to Treaty Eminent Panel
- Dr Josephine Bourne, a Gumulgal woman, Torres Strait Islander and former member of the Path to Treaty Eminent Panel
- Ms Sallyanne Atkinson AO, first female Lord Mayor of Brisbane, former Senior Trade Commissioner (Paris) and former Special Representative for Queensland in South East Asia.

The Treaty Advancement Committee will deliver a report on options to implement the recommendations made by the Eminent Panel and the Government response that were tabled in Parliament in August 2020.

Further opportunities for Queenslanders to have a voice in this process will be facilitated by the Treaty Advancement Committee through targeted community consultation and online engagement activities.