

Question on Notice

No. 1284

Asked on Tuesday, 26 October 2021

MR A POWELL ASKED THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND YOUTH AFFAIRS (HON M SCANLON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the section of the Sunshine Coast Great Walk between Kondalilla Falls Road and Flaxton Mill Road (that runs adjacent to Flaxton Drive)—

Will the Minister advise (a) who was responsible for funding and construction (e.g. Queensland Government Department or Maroochy Regional Council or combination of both) and (b) the cost of this section of the route?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walk was constructed by the Queensland Government's Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, in partnership with other land management agencies, notably the then Maroochy Shire Council and Seqwater.

To create the Great Walk, some sections were required to be established outside of the Kondalilla National Park. Where possible, these off-park linkages utilised existing pathways and thoroughfares.

The 820-metre section of the Great Walk between Kondalilla Falls Road and Flaxton Mill Road, which runs adjacent to Flaxton Drive, was constructed in 2005. This section is located on Sunshine Coast Regional Council tenure and established through a combination of pre-existing and newly constructed roadside footpath.

As part of the project and with the Council's permission, the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service funded and installed wayside orientation signage including totems, pictograms, and small text signs on this section.

The then Maroochy Shire Council funded and carried out all other construction elements for this section of the walk.

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service's signage costs for this section of the Great Walk was less than \$1,000.

The construction costs for all other elements of this section of the walk were funded by the then Maroochy Shire Council.