

## Question on Notice

No. 720

Asked on Thursday, 27 May 2021

**MR M BERKMAN 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 government's commitment, announced by the former Environment Minister in October 2020, to 'investigate and consult widely' on the restoration of an independent Environmental Protection Agency for Queensland this term—

Will the Minister (a) advise the timeline for this investigation, (b) advise what form will public consultation take and (c) confirm this is one of the election commitments that the Minister is expected to prioritise, in line with the Premier's Charter Letter to the Minister for the Environment on 1 December 2020?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for the question.

The Department of Environment and Science is undertaking preparatory work on the feasibility of an independent Environmental Protection Agency, including planning for public consultation.

The consultation approach will support a broad outreach so everyone with an interest has an opportunity to have their say about the future arrangements for environmental protection in Queensland.

As the Member has identified, this election commitment is a priority for the portfolio, in line with the Premier's Charter Letter.