

Question on Notice

No. 802

Asked on Wednesday, 16 June 2021

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an itemised breakdown of all costs associated with the \$2m fence on Orchid Beach on K'gari (Fraser Island)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

On 15 May 2021, I announced that the Palaszczuk Government will invest up to \$2 million to design and construct new dingo barrier fencing around Orchid Beach on K'gari (Fraser Island), to reduce interactions between the Island's dingo population, residents and visitors.

The project will comprise close to seven kilometres of fencing, pedestrian gates and associated vehicle access grid crossings. This will allow for safe pedestrian access and unobstructed vehicle access through the township. The new dingo barrier fencing will add to fencing already installed around 24 campgrounds throughout K'gari, including the townships of Eurong, Happy Valley and Kingfisher Bay Resort.

The costs of fencing the Orchid Beach township and the associated works are based on estimates established through experience of similar projects. These costs will include the engineering design of the fencing and the grids to minimise ongoing cleaning and maintenance effort, provision of remote power to the grids to deter dingoes from entering, as well as the fence line clearing, cultural clearances, project management costs and signage.

The Department of Environment and Science will be undertaking consultation with the community and the Butchulla peoples' representatives to establish the alignment and placement of entry and exit points as part of the planning phase of the project. The procurement and tender phase will follow, and this will determine the detailed costings prior to awarding the contracts for the project.