

Question on Notice

No. 1055

Asked on 14 October 2022

MR M HART ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the council having advised the sand build up east of the M1 on Tallebudgera Creek is the responsibility of the State Government—

Will the Minister advise what action the department has taken to seek the removal of the sand that may be blocking the Creek and causing a backup of water to the Western side of the M1?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Burleigh for the question.

I note the Member's question is hypothetical in nature.

Gold Coast City Council (Council) is responsible for managing the impacts of natural hazards, risks and resilience in accordance with the State Planning Policy. Hydraulic modelling and the development of appropriate management strategies to mitigate against natural hazards is primarily the responsibility of Council. If Council was to decide that dredging the creek is an appropriate course of action, they would need to gain approval from State Government for such works. Advice and approvals for this can be sought directly from the State Assessment and Referral Agency, through the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning if this course of action is required.

While Tallebudgera Creek forms part of the Gold Coast waterways, defined by the *Gold Coast Waterways Authority Act 2012*, the Gold Coast Waterways Authority (GCWA) carries out dredging for navigational access purposes. GCWA does not dredge Tallebudgera Creek because there are no navigation channels, it contains sensitive environmental areas, and is a relatively small coastal creek with vessel size limited due to lower bridge heights.

Neither GCWA, Council, or the Department of Transport and Main Road undertakes dredging in Tallebudgera Creek for the purposes of flood mitigation.