

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1063

asked on 14 October 2022

MR P WEIR ASKED THE MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURING AND MINISTER FOR WATER (HON G BUTCHER)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Australian Rail Track Corporation Inland Rail project across the Condamine floodplain—

Will the Minister advise if the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water will ensure monitoring of water bore levels and supplies along the alignment during construction of the rail line?

ANSWER:

The Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water (the department) has provided advice on the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Border to Gowrie section of the Inland Rail Project which includes the Condamine floodplain. The proponent proposes to drill additional bores and set up a dedicated monitoring program along the rail line, which includes monitoring water levels during construction.

The department will not be involved in this monitoring program. The department has an existing dedicated monitoring bore network across the Condamine River Alluvium, which is read at regular intervals throughout the year.