

Question on Notice

No. 1078

Asked on 14 October 2022

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update on the expected delivery of the previously announced wind turbine components and other potential commodities at the Bundaberg port?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Burnett for the question.

I am pleased to provide an update on the Port of Bundaberg and potential trade opportunities through the port. The future of the Port of Bundaberg is positive as demand from existing customers and new industries, such as the renewable energy industry, is forecast to increase into the future.

Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited (GPC)—as the port authority for the Port of Bundaberg—has developed a 50-year strategic outlook that considers emerging and future local and global trends, the future port footprint and new trades.

GPC is planning and developing its infrastructure to support this strategic outlook with the goal to increase and diversify trade and support the potential developments in the renewable zones, including equipment for wind farms.

The Palaszczuk Government—through GPC—is working collaboratively with infrastructure providers and proponents to support the potential upcoming pipeline of renewable projects in the Central Queensland Renewable Energy Zone, expected to begin around 2024.

GPC is also continuing to work with Sugar Terminals Limited to deliver the Multi-Use Conveyor (MUC) project at the Port of Bundaberg. The MUC project is being delivered under the October 2020 Project Agreement signed between the Australian and Queensland governments to facilitate the Palaszczuk Government's commitment to pass through agreed project funding linked to the Hinkler Regional Deal.

This important infrastructure project will enhance the port's ability to handle diverse trades, through enabling export of additional dry bulk commodities and potentially the handling of bulk imports in the future.

It is important to note the ongoing advocacy from the Member of Bundaberg in highlighting the importance of potential oversize-overmass loads going through the Port of Bundaberg.