

Question on Notice

No. 1132

Asked on 26 October 2022

MR J MCDONALD asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

Will the Deputy Premier advise how many category 2 and 3 levee applications have been submitted and of those how many have been approved for the Lockyer Valley and Somerset Regional Council areas for the years 2018 to 2022 (reported separately by annual or financial year)?

ANSWER:

The Queensland planning framework establishes three pathways for the establishment of levees, with two of these pathways requiring development approval.

- Category 2 applications are assessed and decided solely by local councils, with no state involvement required
- Category 3 applications are assessed and decided by local councils and also include referral to the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) within the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.

Noting this, the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning has contacted Lockyer Valley and Somerset Regional Council areas and confirmed that no category 2 or 3 levee applications have been approved for the years 2018 to 2022.

In addition, I can confirm that SARA has not received any category 3 levee application referrals for the Lockyer Valley and Somerset Regional Council areas for the same period.