

Question on Notice
No. 1431
Asked on Wednesday, 30 November 2022

MR M HART ASKED MINISTER FOR ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND HYDROGEN AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND PROCUREMENT (HON M DE BRENNI)

Will the Minister advise what action the Queensland Board of Professional Engineers took to educate or censure engineers involved in the following projects that have design issues in recent years (a) the original design and certification of construction of the Paradise Dam, (b) the original design and certification of construction of The Gladstone Harbour Dredged Spoil Disposal Area bund wall and (c) design and certification of fitness for purpose of the Dreamworld Thunder River Rapids ride?

ANSWER

The Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland (the Board) is a statutory body established under the *Professional Engineers Act 2002* (the PE Act) to regulate the engineering profession in Queensland. The Board's functions are provided under the PE Act to protect the public and maintain confidence in the profession by upholding the standards of engineering.

The Board administers a complaints process in line with the PE Act, with avenues for investigating and taking action against individuals whose conduct falls below expected professional standards for engineers or breaches the PE Act.

The Board also works with other regulators and agencies in relation to significant matters where engineers may be involved.

Each of the three matters raised were the subject of comprehensive, independent inquiries and/or inquests led by other agencies.

The Board worked with the lead agencies and actively monitored the progress of the inquiries/inquests, cooperated with any requests for information, and reviewed and considered their respective findings.

The Board also undertakes ongoing proactive engagement, education and communication activities with a range of stakeholders including engineers, private industry, government agencies, academic institutions and members of the public.