

**Question on Notice**

**No. 1465**

**Asked on 1 December 2022**

**MR A POWELL ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the Bribie Island Bridge—

Will the Minister confirm (a) the Minister's previous advice to the *Brisbane Times* (published on 8 October 2020) that the bridge will not reach capacity until 2031 and (b) based on this or updated forecasts, when construction of the new structure will need to commence?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Glass House for the question.

The 2014 planning suggested that the existing two-lane bridge to Bribie Island could reach practical capacity by 2031 during peak periods.

The Queensland Government has committed \$4 million for the business case for a new bridge to Bribie Island. The business case development includes updated traffic forecasts to understand the current and future demand on the existing bridge.

The business case will also include a detailed assessment of the existing bridge and geotechnical investigations in Pumicestone Passage to inform the concept design for a new bridge and the future of the existing bridge.

The Queensland Government is delivering its seventh record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2022–23 to 2025–26*, which outlines \$29.7 billion in investment over the next four years and is estimated to support an average of 25,200 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$3.079 billion is committed across the Department of Transport and Main Roads' North Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 2700 direct jobs over the life of the program.