

Question on Notice

No. 1475

Asked on Thursday, 1 December 2022

MS S BOLTON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND YOUTH AFFAIRS (HON M SCANLON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the proposal to move responsibility for the Teewah airfield from Noosa Council to the Department of Environment and Science—

Will the Minister confirm that the airfield's current usage, including for emergency services, will be retained?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

There has been a long-term interest held by successive governments to secure this parcel of land for conservation purposes. The site currently remains under the trusteeship of Noosa Council.

The Department of Environment and Science is committed to undertaking community consultation prior to making any decision over the proposed land tenure transfer (subject to decisions by the Department of Resources following advice from Noosa Council on its trusteeship).

The consultation would, as a matter of course consider all issues around emergency management and site usage should a protected area dedication be pursued.