

Question on Notice

No. 198

Asked on 16 March 2022

MR B MICKELBERG ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Question on Notice No. 1585 of 2021—

Will the Minister advise when construction will commence on the Bruce Highway Connection Road at Palmview and its expected completion date, noting the existing State Government condition that requires the road be completed by June 2022?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Buderim for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to working collaboratively with all stakeholders to ensure timely delivery of transport infrastructure needed to support development proposed in Palmview. This includes the delivery of a second access as a priority and to ensure the balance of the transport infrastructure is delivered in a timely manner.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) position remains that the Bruce Highway connection is important and required. Discussions between representatives from TMR, Sunshine Coast Council and developer AVID Property Group are continuing with respect to the Palmview works contributions and Palmview Infrastructure Agreement.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its sixth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, outlining \$27.5 billion in investment over the next four years and estimated to support an average of 24,000 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$2.927 billion is committed across the TMR's North Coast Region, which is estimated to support an average of 2640 direct jobs over the life of the program.

Queensland's world-leading pandemic response has made it the place to be and, to support the State's population boom, significant road upgrades are being delivered as part of *Queensland's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan*. With the Brisbane 2032 Olympics and Paralympics on the horizon, these upgrades provide immediate economic benefits, support more jobs and deliver ongoing benefits of vital infrastructure for years to come.