

Question on Notice

No. 498

Asked on 24 May 2022

MR D PURDIE ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the future planning for the upgrade of the Bli Bli Bridge, and \$200,000 of the \$800,000 funding has been allocated in the new financial year 2022–23—

Will the Minister advise whether any public consultation will be carried out as part of this initial allocation of funding and if so, when this consultation will occur?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Ninderry for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will be consulting with the community and seeking feedback on the Bli Bli Bridge later this year. TMR is committed to keeping the community updated on opportunities to provide feedback and have their say.

TMR—through the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program* (QTRIP) 2022–23 to 2025–26—is strengthening, rehabilitating, and replacing bridges on a priority basis. The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its seventh record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in QTRIP 2022–23 to 2025–26, which outlines \$29.7 billion in investment over the next four years and estimated to support an average of 25,200 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$2.927 billion is committed across TMR's North Coast Region, which is estimated to support an average of 2640 direct jobs over the life of the program.