

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 582

asked on Thursday, 26 May 2022

MS S BOLTON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURING AND MINISTER FOR WATER (HON G BUTCHER)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Question on Notice No. 194 of 2022 and Seqwater's options assessment now 8 months overdue and completed—
Will the Minister (a) provide the recommendations from this assessment and (b) advise when we will have a decision regarding these?

ANSWER:

Seqwater are continuing their options assessment of Lake Macdonald to identify the most suitable upgrade option. As it is still being prepared by Seqwater, it is yet to be provided to the Minister.

In conducting the assessment, Seqwater are considering the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water's November 2021 Guidelines on Safety Assessments for Referable Dams, formerly the Guidelines on Acceptable Flood Capacity for Water Dams.

The assessment will also take into consideration water security needs, environmental impacts, and construction costs to provide the best options to customers and the community.

The revised timeline for the completion of the options assessment is late-2022 and recommendations will be made to the Queensland Government at that time. I understand Seqwater provided the Member with an update recently and I have asked Seqwater to keep the Member updated as this assessment progresses.

The government will make a decision once Seqwater's options assessment process is completed.