

Question on Notice

No. 60

Asked on 23 February 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to community consternation regarding Stage 4 (Moodlu to Beerburrum) of the Bruce Highway Western Alternative—

Will the Minister direct his department to provide local members and councillors with a detailed briefing?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Glass House for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is progressing planning and consultation for the future North Brisbane Bruce Highway Western Alternative (BHWA) in a staged approach. I am advised the Member was provided with written briefings in June and November 2021 which both included comprehensive project newsletters. A further in-person project briefing will be provided to interested elected representatives as part of the consultation process in the coming months.

TMR is committed to working closely with all stakeholders and is currently seeking early feedback on future stages of the corridor, including the Stage 4 study area, to ensure important community views are considered in our early planning. Community members and elected representatives are invited to submit their feedback at www.yoursay-projects.tmr.qld.gov.au/bhwa-caboolturewest or contact the project team directly on 1800 955 799 or by email at NCR_planning_comms@tmr.qld.gov.au.

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 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.