Question on Notice No. 829 Asked on 18 August 2022

MRS L GERBER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM, INNOVATION AND SPORT AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER ON OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS SPORT AND ENGAGEMENT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the Wangetti Trail project—

Will the Minister advise which entities will be responsible for the ownership and maintenance of the sections of the trail located outside of National Park boundaries and if agreements have been signed with each of these entities?

ANSWER:

Delivery and operation of the Wangetti Trail, in accordance with the vision jointly presented to the Palaszczuk Government by the Cairns Regional and Douglas Shire Councils, is predicated on a joint ownership and maintenance matrix that delineates responsibilities for on-park sections with the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service within the Department of Environment and Science and off-park sections with the relevant local council – noting the trail alignment moves in and out of park boundaries, council reserves and State land in numerous sections.

Cairns Regional Council has approved the development application for the Wangetti South section of the trail that falls within its boundaries. Negotiations with Douglas Shire Council for the sections of the trail that fall within its boundaries are ongoing.