

Question on Notice

No. 917

Asked on 31 August 2022

MRS L GERBER ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to homes around the M1 construction in the Tallebudgera Creek catchment area and Elanora being flooded at levels never seen before in the February/March floods and the Minister stating in correspondence to me that 'it is not possible to speculate on the cause of flooding and associated issues until further analysis is completed'—

Will the Minister (a) advise when this further analysis will be finalised, (b) release to the public the further analysis and (c) advise if the further analysis will specifically determine if the Varsity to Tugun M1 construction works contributed to or increased the flooding of affected properties?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Currumbin for the question.

The uncharacteristic rainfall throughout Queensland this year has resulted in unexpected impacts at many locations statewide. The Tallebudgera Creek area is an extremely complex catchment and has a history of being impacted by severe wet weather events. Several factors impact on flood levels within the area, including the intensity and duration of rainfall, tidal influence, ground conditions and man-made structures and developments.

As previously advised in my response to Question on Notice 406 tabled on 10 June 2022, the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) design consultants—including hydraulic specialists and independent consultants—are continuing to consider the extreme wet weather event in February and late March 2022. It is not possible to provide a response to this question until those reviews are complete.