

Question on Notice

No. 924

Asked on 31 August 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Courier Mail article dated 20 August 2022 written by Des Houghton regarding the M1 and flooding to Tallebudgera area homes, residents believe flooding to their homes was caused by the overflow channel and river being choked by M1 works causing a backup of water—

Will the Minister advise what action has been taken to ensure that water flows through the channel and river so that local homes are not flooded again in the future?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Burleigh for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) evaluated the extreme weather event that occurred in February and March of 2022 to determine whether the impacts from the event align with the assumptions used in modelling which informed the design of the project.

TMR undertook compliance audits to ensure that construction contractors were meeting the obligations of the relevant permits, standards and specifications issued in relation to the construction of the motorway upgrade. It was found that all obligations were met by the contractor.

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, TMR's design consultants—including hydraulic specialists and independent consultants—are continuing to consider the extreme wet weather event that occurred in February and late March 2022. It is not possible to provide a response until those reviews are complete.