

Question on Notice

No. 932

Asked on Wednesday, 31 August 2022

MR B MICKELBERG ASKED THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND YOUTH AFFAIRS (HON M SCANLON)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise if the State Government has any plans to upgrade facilities and walking tracks within the Mooloolah River National Park to improve the public experience within the National Park?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Mooloolah River National Park comprises three geographically dispersed sections – the Mooloolah River Section located adjacent to the Sunshine Coast Motorway; the Jowarra Section located north of Steve Irwin Way; and the Meridan Hills Section located south of Steve Irwin Way.

The Mooloolah River Section of the Park is one of the Sunshine Coast's most significant coastal lowland habitats and is host to sensitive, threatened regional ecosystems with high conservation values. This section is prone to water inundation and is often waterlogged, particularly during the summer months. Walking is promoted along existing fire management trails which will continue to be maintained by the Department of Environment and Science. Noting the Park's ecological values and regular inundation, the current settings are proposed to continue in this section.

The Jowarra Section of the Park is one of the few remaining coastal rainforest areas and experiences low use. There are no current plans proposed to upgrade existing infrastructure.