

Question on Notice

No. 943

Asked on 1 September 2022

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how many Expressions of Interest were received for the Rockhampton Rail Yards development?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Mermaid Beach for his question.

The Palaszczuk Government is proud to be facilitating the transformation of the historic Rockhampton Railyards to offer opportunities for economic uplift supporting the rail manufacturing supply chain and a range of good jobs across multiple labour markets.

The essence of the redevelopment is to position Rockhampton as a supply chain centre for rail. Possible additional uses for the site may also include a centre for research into zero emissions rollingstock and creating community amenities, such as public spaces.

Fostering rollingstock supply chain capability through the development of the site supports the government's objectives of supporting jobs, making it for Queensland, building Queensland, growing our regions and investing in skills.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) conducted an expression of interest (EOI) process from 20 July to 5 August 2022 to secure commercial tenants that could be part of the rejuvenation of the railyards. The EOI was launched at an industry briefing event at the Rockhampton leagues club.

TMR has advised there has been a strong response to the EOI process, with 17 EOI responses received. Responses are being evaluated.