

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

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**MR A PERRETT** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURING AND MINISTER FOR WATER (HON G BUTCHER)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the proposed pumped hydro scheme at Borumba Dam which requires a significant quantity of water—

Will the Minister advise what the plans are to ensure downstream domestic, industrial and agriculture water users will not be adversely impacted by lack of supply?

ANSWER:

The Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water and Seqwater are working closing with the Department of Energy and Public Works and Powerlink, who are investigating the Borumba pumped hydro proposal.

Any potential take or interference with water proposed by a project, including the Borumba pumped hydro proposal, must align with the outcomes, objectives and strategies of the Mary Basin water plan to ensure the sustainable management of water in the plan area and protection of existing water users.

Any further information about the proposal and technical assessments being undertaken by Powerlink, as part of the detailed analytical studies, falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen and Minister for Public Works.