

Question on Notice

No. 964

Asked on 1 September 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to Channel 7 media reports on 20 August 2022 of homes to the Palm Beach side of the M1 being damaged from vibrations coming off M1 works—

Will the Minister advise what action the department is taking to ensure works are not causing said damage and/or to mitigate future damage to homes?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Burleigh for the question.

On any major infrastructure project undertaken by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), a Noise and Vibration Management Plan (NVMP) is developed, reviewed and approved as a contractor's plan prior to any construction works commencing onsite. The NVMP is a subplan to the Environmental Management Plan for the projects.

An NVMP was developed prior to construction starting on the Varsity Lakes to Tugun (VL2T) upgrade and TMR undertakes audits of all contractors' plans throughout the ongoing construction program. As part of the NVMP, vibration monitoring devices are installed across the project scope, including in the area of Palm Beach. Contractors report on all status and measurements of these monitoring devices. Properties within the project scope, and determined by the NVMP, are also subject to a pre-construction dilapidation report.

I am advised that all claim forms received by the VL2T contractors are subject to an initial desktop investigation (including a comparison to the findings in the pre-construction dilapidation report), a physical investigation of the property and, if deemed necessary, procurement of an independent building assessor. Claims are assessed based on the findings of these investigations. The project team and contractors continue to work together to ensure independent reviews of claims are undertaken and all elements are considered during the claims process.