

Question on Notice

No. 990

Asked on 12 October 2022

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise when works to replace the damaged infrastructure at the Bowen Marina will be completed and the scope of works?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Burdekin for the question.

Since the Palaszczuk Government took office in 2015, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has invested significant time and resources into public marine infrastructure upgrades in the Bowen Harbour, including the following:

- major entrance channel dredging works and installation of new navigation aids which was completed in 2016, at a cost of \$2.8 million
- upgrade of the public marine facilities (public boat ramp and floating walkway) which was completed in 2017, at a cost of \$1.6 million
- a project to extend the breakwater at the entrance of the Bowen Harbour was completed in 2020, at a cost of \$3.6 million.

Further to this, TMR is investing a further \$1 million into public infrastructure within the Bowen Harbour in the 2022–23 financial year, including:

- improving the Starboard Drive turn around area within the harbour. These works include sealing the road and turn around area at the end of Starboard Drive, line marking, creation of designated parking bays and the installation of bollards. Completion of these works will improve the safety of traffic flows, while also significantly improving the appearance and reduce the dust generated in this location, which is an ongoing issue for the nearby yacht club
- the removal of decommissioned piles which have reached the end of their useful life, and maintenance on the remaining piles. The number of available pile and buoy mooring berths is being maintained as much as possible to meet the demand for berths.