

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1007**

**Asked on 12 September 2023**

**MS F SIMPSON** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON M BAILEY)—

### **QUESTION:**

Will the Minister advise what action is being taken by the department to facilitate and install fixed moorings around Mudjimba Island to prevent further damage to the coral reef from boat anchors, in response to community calls to protect this beautiful natural publicly owned asset?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Maroochydore for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads' Maritime Safety Queensland branch (MSQ) is the administering agency for issuing buoy mooring approval authorities in Queensland waters. MSQ reviews buoy mooring proposals submitted by organisations or entities, such as council or the Department of Environment and Science (DES).

Buoy moorings fall into two categories: restricted use—which limits use to a single nominated vessel—and unrestricted use—which allows use by any vessel approved by the mooring authority holder. The mooring apparatus is owned, installed and maintained by the authority holder.

Issues related to the environment, such as the protection of coral reef, sits within the responsibility of DES. DES provide public moorings in Queensland waters in sensitive areas such as dive sites and state marine parks. If council, DES or local groups were to put forward an unrestricted buoy mooring proposal for Mudjimba Island, MSQ—in consultation with DES—would review the proposal. Currently, MSQ does not have any proposals under review for Mudjimba Island.

Further information regarding buoy moorings is available online via MSQ's website at [www.msq.qld.gov.au/Waterways/Buoy-moorings](http://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Waterways/Buoy-moorings).