

Question on Notice
No. 1082
Asked on Wednesday, 13 September 2023

MR A PERRETT ASKED MINISTER FOR ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND HYDROGEN AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND PROCUREMENT (HON M DE BRENNI)

With reference to the proposed Borumba Pumped Hydro Scheme and ministerial advice that the 'first stage of road upgrade works is planned to support the exploratory works phase of project development'—

Will the Minister outline (a) which roads have been identified, (b) the works required and (c) the timeline for completion of those upgrades?

ANSWER

Queensland Hydro is getting on with the job of delivering the Borumba pumped hydro project. This follows a commitment by the Queensland Government of \$6 billion to the Borumba project announced in this year's State Budget.

The next stage of the project involves Queensland Hydro undertaking exploratory works. To facilitate these works Queensland Hydro are progressing with the program of road improvements.

Queensland Hydro is proposing targeted improvements to Bella Creek Road, Yielo Road and the publicly accessible section of Borgan Road. The detailed design of the improvements is ongoing however it is expected that the road improvements will include altering the form of waterway crossings, resurfacing, road widening and road re-routing to avoid flood prone areas.

Queensland Hydro is currently in discussions with Gympie Regional Council and Somerset Regional Council concerning the road improvements. The improvement works themselves are expected to be carried out by the councils who will be responsible for all safety requirements and impact mitigation. The community will be kept informed of the progress of this work including any likely traffic impacts caused by the road improvement works.

Queensland Hydro is expecting these works to commence by the end of this year.

The improvement of these local roads will also benefit the community. Once completed the improved roads will be able to be used by all.