

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1516

asked on 28 November 2023

MR P WEIR ASKED THE MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURING AND MINISTER FOR WATER (HON G BUTCHER)—

QUESTION:

With reference to safety upgrade works on the Cressbrook Dam wall to be undertaken by the Toowoomba Regional Council to satisfy Council's obligations as defined in the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy Dam Safety Condition Schedule—

Will the Minister provide the reasons the Toowoomba Regional Council have been requested to undertake a business case for the upgrade of the Cressbrook Dam wall when it has been identified as 'high risk' and requires the works to be completed in accordance with the 'Guidelines on Acceptable Flood Capacity for Water Dams' under the 'Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008'?

ANSWER:

Toowoomba Regional Council is proceeding with a dam safety upgrade for Cressbrook dam to satisfy its dam safety regulatory obligations.

Consistent with Queensland Government practice, project proponents need to have a business case prepared to assist the government in making an informed investment decision. The business case will outline Council's infrastructure solution and costs to carry out the dam safety works. The Queensland Government has made it clear to Council that it will assist Council with this project.

The Queensland Government continues to support Toowoomba with its water infrastructure investments. This includes supporting Council by providing \$41.8 million for a water treatment plant and pump station upgrades as part of the Toowoomba to Warwick Pipeline project. This will deliver net benefits of approximately \$180 million to Council.