

## Question on Notice

No. 514

Asked on 9 May 2023

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

### QUESTION:

With reference to the start of construction of the Coomera Connector, Stage 1 North—

Will the Minister ensure that adequate sound barriers are in place prior to the commencement of construction to limit the impact of machinery noise on local residents living along this corridor?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Theodore for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) manages operational road traffic and construction noise under the *Transport Noise Management Code of Practice* (the Code). The Code guides the direction for assessment, design, and management of the impact of road traffic noise, as well as construction noise.

Compliance with Volume 2 (Construction noise and vibration) of the Code is monitored through an approved Noise and Vibration Monitoring Plan (NVMP). The contractor working on Coomera Connector Stage 1 North is required to complete and obtain TMR endorsement of its NVMP. The contractor is also responsible for managing its NVMP and undertaking all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent or minimise disturbance from construction noise. TMR will closely monitor the contractor's NVMP compliance and ensure regular communication with locally affected residents.

TMR and its contractor are currently finalising the noise barrier design and locations for Coomera Connector Stage 1 North. Based on the nature of the road construction in this area and the fact that much of it is an elevated bridge structure with noise barriers on the bridge, it is not possible to install all barriers prior to the commencement of construction. TMR will work with the contractor to identify where it is possible to install barriers early in the program.

TMR designs noise barriers on the basis of objective noise readings on consistent criteria across the state to ensure equal treatment and has done for twenty years across different governments.

This approach will be no different and will be done on the same basis and entirely separate from the Minister of the day.