

Question on Notice

No. 849

Asked on 16 June 2023

MRS L GERBER asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the cost and delivery of the Currumbin Eco-Parkland Project—

Will the Deputy Premier advise (a) why there has been an increase in the total estimated cost of the project from \$15m to \$39m as indicated by the capital statements for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 Queensland budgets, (b) the breakdown of the total costs expended to date (\$15m) and the projected costs (\$24m) including how much (i) the acquisition of the land has cost or is expected to cost, (ii) has been expended on maintenance costs and what are the ongoing costs and (iii) has been expended on external consultants (if any), (c) has the Minister come to a formal agreement with the City of Gold Coast in relation to costs, ownership of the site and project participation and (d) what is the timeline for delivery of this project, including when the master plan will be released for consultation and the parkland opened for public use?

ANSWER:

- a) As set out in Budget Paper 4, the government is providing increased funding for the delivery of the Currumbin Eco-Parkland.

This increased funding will enable Economic Development Queensland (EDQ) to continue transforming the site to allow for future community use.

- b) The purchase of the land was substantiated by an independent valuation. The details of the purchase are commercial in confidence.

Approximately \$95,000 has been spent on land management activities to help reduce the impact of weeds across the site, which will help encourage native regrowth.

To preserve the site and improve its strong ecological values, EDQ is investing \$10,000 per month into ongoing maintenance and weed control.

EDQ has also invested approximately \$1.2 million in a range of professional services since project inception, including master plan preparation, environmental investigations including an ecological assessment, and cultural heritage assessment and other technical assessments including flooding and hydrology, traffic and engineering.

- c) Discussions with the City of Gold Coast are ongoing.

d) The plans for the site will be made publicly available in mid to late 2023.