

Question on Notice
No. 170
Asked on Wednesday, 6 March 2024

MR A PERRETT ASKED MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND CLEAN ECONOMY JOBS
(HON M DE BRENNI)

With reference to the proposed Borumba Pumped Hydro scheme and the allocation in the draft Mary Basin Water Plan of an additional 4,000ML water from the Mary River catchment for future growth in the Gympie region—

Will the Minister advise if the government has received representations from the Department of Regional Development Manufacturing and Water and/or SunWater to increase capacity of the dam to ensure water security for domestic, industrial and agricultural users in the Gympie region?

ANSWER

Queensland Hydro and the Department of Energy and Climate will continue to work with the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water and other relevant stakeholders to ensure the project complies with the Mary Basin water plan outcomes, which are in place to protect downstream environmental flows, existing users and urban water supplies.

The Mary Basin water plan is currently under review and will be replaced shortly, prior to expiry in May 2024. The draft water plan proposes making additional unallocated water available across the Mary catchment, including an additional 4,000ML of strategic reserve water for future growth in the Gympie region.