

Question on Notice

No. 174

Asked on 6 March 2024

MR T WATTS ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON B MELLISH)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline the Indigenous heritage sites discovered around Toowoomba and into the Lockyer Valley while investigating the Inland Rail route?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Toowoomba North for the question.

The Inland Rail Project is an Australian Government initiative being delivered by the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC). As part of the environmental impact statement process, ARTC has undertaken corridor investigations to assess environmental, social and economic impacts. Matters relating to Indigenous heritage sites are managed between ARTC and the Traditional Owners under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*.

I am advised ARTC has developed Cultural Heritage Management Plans (CHMP) with Traditional Owners in Queensland. The details of the CHMP's are confidential to the signatories, meaning specific information is not publicly available.