

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 208

asked on 7 March 2024

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

QUESTION:

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 what the plans are to ensure downstream domestic, industrial, and agricultural water users will not be adversely impacted by lack of water supply?

ANSWER:

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

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