

## Question on Notice

No. 248

Asked on 19 March 2024

**MR D CRISAFULLI** ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE, MINISTER FOR PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE (HON Y D'ATH)

### QUESTION:

Will the Attorney-General provide an update on what the Queensland Government is doing to resolve the issues at Couran Cove?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Queensland Government has coordinated on the ground support and assistance for residents, providing drinking water, food and fuel vouchers and referrals to financial counselling, housing support and mental health services.

Queensland Government agencies will continue to respond to issues arising at Couran Cove that fall within their respective regulatory responsibilities, including in relation to public health, safety and environmental concerns.

It would not be appropriate for the Government to directly intervene in disputes at Couran Cove or to provide legal advice to the parties, including where those disputes are subject to proceedings in the courts or independent dispute resolution processes.

I encourage anyone with ongoing legal issues at Couran Cove to seek independent legal advice about their rights, responsibilities and dispute resolution options.

In addition, the Government took action to improve laws applying to developments like Couran Cove by enacting the *Building Units and Group Titles and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2022* (BUGTOLA Act).

The amendments, which took effect on 1 December 2022, make body corporate governance more transparent and fairer for unit owners in relevant schemes, including through measures to prevent conflicts of interest tainting body corporate decision-making.

As part of the 2022-23 Budget Measures, the Government invested increased funding of \$2.455 million over three years to implement the reforms contained in the BUGTOLA Act, which included new information and education services for unit owners in bodies corporate operating under relevant legislation.