

## Question on Notice

No. 306

Asked on 20 March 2024

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

### QUESTION:

With reference to the Mooloolah River Interchange upgrade (Investment ID: 2007574) and that the State Government has indicated they will not be proceeding with the project—

Will the Minister advise (a) the total funds expended on the project, (b) the number of properties acquired for the project and (c) the number of properties demolished to facilitate construction of the project?

### ANSWER:

I reject the premise of the Member's question.

As previously advised in answer to Question on Notice 160 tabled on 5 April 2024, the Sunshine Motorway, Mooloolah River Interchange (MRI) Upgrade project remains a priority for the Miles Government and design work is progressing.

However, following the Australian Government's decision to withdraw its share of the committed funding, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) could not proceed with the project in its current form. If the Australian Government funding is restored, the project timelines and scope can be reviewed.

- (a) As of February 2024, approximately \$79 million has been spent for Stage 1 of the MRI Upgrade.
- (b) TMR has been gradually acquiring properties required for the MRI Upgrade since 2002, under its Early Acquisition Policy. To date, TMR has acquired 156 properties, including 89 properties for Stage 1.
- (c) A total of 89 properties were demolished to make the site construction-ready for Stage 1.

Please note this information was publicly reported by *Sunshine Coast News* and *Channel 9 News* in November 2023.

The Miles Government is delivering its eighth record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2023–24 to 2026–27*, which outlines \$32.1 billion in investment over the next four years and is estimated to support an average of 25,200 direct jobs over the life of the program. Of this, \$3.147 billion is committed across TMR's North Coast Region, estimated to support an average of 2460 direct jobs over the life of the program.