

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 354**

**Asked on Thursday, 21 March 2024**

**MR S ANDREW** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS (HON M SCANLON)—

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the expansion of flood hazard overlays in Queensland—

Will the Minister advise if there are any policies and procedures in place to deal with (a) properties where mitigation measures are deemed inadequate to reduce the level of acceptable risk and (b) the ‘managed relocation’ of such properties and how this is implemented (in particular, for any properties in and around Finch Hatton)?

**ANSWER:**

The Queensland Government has a clear policy position on avoiding and mitigating the risks associated with natural hazards. Through the policies contained in the State Planning Policy, Queensland’s planning framework requires local governments to identify natural hazard areas such as flood hazard areas and then manage land use planning in those mapped areas through appropriate zoning and overlays with their local planning schemes.

It is the responsibility of local governments to make or amend their local planning schemes. Local governments are expected to frequently review flood hazard mapping and risks to ensure the appropriate planning provisions are in place.

In January 2024, Mackay Regional Council (the Council) adopted Temporary Local Planning Instrument (TLPI) 01/2023 – the Finch Hatton Flood Hazard Regulation TLPI. The purpose of the TLPI is to identify flood hazard areas in the Finch Hatton township and appropriately manage flood risk to ensure new development does not result in an intolerable risk to people, property, infrastructure or the environment.

The TLPI was prepared in collaboration with the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works (the department) and approved by the Planning Minister for Council’s adoption. The TLPI is an interim planning response and will remain current for a period of two years while a new flood study is being completed by the Council.

The Council has informed the department that the new flood study will inform what actions it will undertake and prioritise based on the likelihood and consequences of flood risks.