

Question on Notice

No. 938

Asked on 21 August 2024

DR M ROBINSON ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON B MELLISH)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) on what basis was the decision made to erect a permanent flag of another region on road reserve land at Dunwich on North Stradbroke Island, (b) how many sites on TMR land other than Dunwich have Palestinian flags been hoisted and (c) what other flags can be hoisted on TMR land?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Oodgeroo for the question.

- (a) The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) manages Queensland's state-controlled road (SCR) network. In certain circumstances, third parties may locate a structure, thing, or undertake an activity in SCR corridors. These structures and activities are known as ancillary works and encroachments, and include any structure, thing, or activity within the road boundary.

Departmental approval is required under section 50 of the *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994* if any of the following occur within the boundaries of a SCR:

- undertaking an activity
- locating or constructing a structure, or thing
- maintaining a structure, or thing
- upgrading a structure, or thing
- operating a structure, or thing.

Unless exempt, individuals or entities must apply for a Road Corridor Permit (RCP) for departmental approval.

The flag poles located at Ballow Road, Dunwich have been erected as part of an RCP application by the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation. The flag and flagpole are treated as an advertising device and must comply with the provisions of TMR's Roadside Advertising Manual, ensuring no distraction to drivers or adverse impact to road safety and efficiency.

More information regarding RCPs and the Roadside Advertising Manual can be found on TMR's website at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/technical-standards-publications/roadside-advertising-manual.

- (b) TMR is not aware of any other flagpoles on Queensland's SCR network that have hoisted Palestinian flags.
- (c) Flags that can be hoisted on TMR land must comply with the provisions of the Roadside Advertising Manual.