

## Question on Notice

No. 17

Asked on 10 February 2026

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

### QUESTION:

With reference to the Minister's comments in 2024 on the Bruce Highway Western Alternative Stage 4 that 'New investigations into an alternative route are nearing completion and are expected to be complete in early 2025, when a more detailed project update can be provided'—

Will the Minister outline (a) why these investigations have taken until 2026 to release a partial Stage 4 route and (b) when will the full Stage 4 route be finalised and released?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Crisafulli Government is providing certainty to residents in Elimbah.

Under the former Labor Government, options were proposed for the Bruce Highway Western Alternative Stage 4 (BHWA 4) corridor, at which time 110 private property owners were advised that they were potentially impacted.

Following the 2024 Queensland State Election, honouring the Crisafulli Government's election commitment, the previously consulted corridor options were ruled out.

Further consultation was required and, in turn, undertaken during 2025. As part of this additional consultation, I met with a number of individual property owners alongside the Member for Glass House to discuss their circumstances and the way forward.

The broader intent of the Bruce Highway Western Alternative remains unchanged — to protect a north–south transport corridor capable of supporting approximately 300,000 additional residents expected in the City of Moreton Bay by 2046, and to maintain connectivity to employment, education and essential services.

Corridor protection for BHWA 4 has been finalised, and further work on other stages is subject to future discussions and negotiation with the Australian Government.