

Question on Notice

No. 222

Asked on Tuesday, 20 March 2018

MR D LAST ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise of any future plans to construct a pedestrian crossing over the main Northern Railway line at Wongaloo Conservation Reserve at Cromarty (south of Townsville) to allow tourists, school students and scientists/researchers access to the conservation area?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Burdekin for the question.

Queensland Rail has worked with the Wongaloo Wetlands and Grasslands Foundation over a number of years on its request to improve pedestrian access across the busy North Coast railway line to Wongaloo Regional Park, and has developed a number of proposed options for a new pedestrian crossing, varying in cost, for the foundation's consideration. The options provided each entail the construction of the pedestrian crossing by Queensland Rail, with all costs to be met by the foundation.

Queensland Rail is yet to receive a formal application to proceed with a selected option from the foundation.

Safety is Queensland Rail's number one focus, and level crossings must be designed and operated in line with national safety standards.

To determine what level crossing safety protection and risk controls must be in place at different locations, Queensland Rail assesses each location against the Australian Level Crossing Assessment Model.