

Question on Notice

No. 281

Asked on Wednesday, 21 March 2018

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise when works will commence on the construction of an all-tide access facility at Molongle Creek to allow the Volunteer Marine Rescue 24/7 access at this facility?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Burdekin for the question.

The Molongle Creek project, for which funding was announced by the Palaszczuk Government during the recent election campaign, has been under way for some time using preliminary investigative funding. The election commitment now gives the project the essential boost it needed for capital construction works.

I am advised the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is currently working on the approvals applications to the relevant state and federal marine agencies. Currently, seabed sediment sampling is underway to allow the applications to be lodged.

Options for a land site to be used for construction of bunds to take dredge spoil are currently being investigated. The land site needs to be established and bunds constructed before a dredging contract can be let.

TMR, the Molongle Creek Boat Club and Whitsunday Regional Council are working towards establishing a deed of agreement, which is a necessary precursor to commencing any field work on dredge spoil bunds.

These aspects of the project will proceed in parallel where possible. Field work is scheduled to commence during 2019, subject to the granting of satisfactory tidal works and other approvals.