

Question on Notice

No. 179

Asked on 31 May 2012

MR WELLINGTON asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (Mr SEENEY) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the Deputy Premier's answer to my question in Parliament on 30 May 2012 –

Will the Deputy Premier have the Traveston Crossing and the Mary River dam site Kenilworth currently identified in the *Mineral Resources Act* as restricted areas, removed from the schedule and, if so, when?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Nicklin for his question.

Given the complexities of this project, we continue to work on the development of a new strategy for the Mary Valley. In creating this new strategy, a range of issues will require serious consideration to bring about the revitalisation of the Mary Valley, and to re-establish business and the community. The Government will continue to develop this strategy and I will ensure that all key aspects of this plan are well considered and well-planned in order to deliver a prosperous future.

I can confirm that there is a restricted area known as RA119 Mary River Dam Site (Kenilworth) which prohibits the application of all mining tenements on the affected land. It was applied to protect the land required for the Traveston Crossing Dam from mining exploration.

Any dealing with the restricted area will form part of our ongoing investigations for the new strategy being developed. It is important that we look broadly at all opportunities to invigorate business and industry in the Mary Valley, and not focus on just one potential action. We will be applying a balanced approach to restoring the Mary Valley and this will require a range of actions focused on the community and business.