

Question on Notice

No. 351

Asked on 10 July 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 Question on Notice No. 189 that 'as part of that strategy, the restricted area as identified in the Mineral Resources Act will be investigated and dealt with accordingly if it affects any land sales' –

Will the government list for sale any land it owns which is identified in the Mineral Resources Act as restricted areas before the land is removed from the restricted area identified in the Mineral Resources Act?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Nicklin for his question.

Recently, I announced in Parliament the Mary Valley Economic Development Strategy.

This Strategy's principal task is to maximise the economic development opportunities in the Mary Valley. The Strategy is underpinned by an economic development program focused on facilitating improvement in the local economy, engaging with, and supporting the community, and creating new jobs and productive enterprises.

This will be achieved via the coordination of existing government programs and assistance, property and business transaction support, enhanced planning and development opportunities, and collaboration with key stakeholders, including local government.

This Strategy will be delivered via four distinct but coordinated programs drawing on the combined effort and energy of government, industry and the community. The programs are:

- an overarching economic development program;
- an enabling program to co-ordinate the economic development program across government, the agricultural sector and the broader business community;
- a divestment program to manage the controlled disposal of other properties; and
- a property and portfolio management program to manage properties while they remain in government ownership.

Implementation of the Strategy will require the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning to liaise with a range of other government agencies, including the Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

Issues such as whether or not properties will be removed from the restricted area identified in the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* will be addressed during the implementation of the Strategy and in consultation with the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines.