

Question on Notice

No. 108

Asked on 6 March 2013

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Deputy Premier's previous answers to my questions about the Caloundra South development on the Sunshine Coast –

Will the government amend the current approval for significant filling of the flood plain for future residential development as a result of recent extreme weather conditions?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Nicklin for his question.

The conditional approval of the Caloundra South masterplan requires the development to deliver appropriate flood immunity for new dwellings, while not worsening flood conditions that currently exist at the site's boundaries. The approval allows for earthworks and filling over the site in accordance with approved plans.

The assessment of the masterplan was informed by rigorous flood modelling and technical analysis. The flood modelling made significant allowance for potential effects of future climate change, including sea level rises, increased rainfall intensity and storm tide level increases. The technical studies prepared by the applicant were reviewed by independent experts on behalf of the former Urban Land Development Authority and the Sunshine Coast Regional Council during the assessment process. The final approval conditions are very stringent in relation to flooding both within and external to the site and are also consistent with outcomes from the Floods Commission of Enquiry.

The recent extreme weather conditions experienced throughout parts of Queensland are within the parameters assessed for forecast flood impacts from future development of Caloundra South and therefore do not require amendments to the current approvals at this stage.