

Question on Notice
No. 546
Asked on 16 June 2020

MR D LAST ASKED THE MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT,
TOURISM AND INNOVATION (HON K JONES) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the Isaac Regional Council's decision to refuse an application by QCoal to build another 700 person mining camp on the outskirts of Glenden in the Burdekin Electorate— Will the Minister advise what steps the Queensland Government has taken, and will take, to ensure that existing homes in Glenden are utilised for workers, ensuring the future of the small businesses and community organisations that call Glenden home?

ANSWER:

The matter regarding the Isaac Regional Council's decision to refuse an application by QCoal to build a mining camp is primarily a matter for the Council and falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Honourable Cameron Dick MP, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning.

Regarding the use of existing homes in Glenden by QCoal workers, as the member was advised at a meeting I facilitated on 14 July 2020, this would be subject to a private negotiation between QCoal, Glencore and any other interested private party.

As the member is aware, there are no powers that rest with the state government or the Coordinator-General, that would compel the parties to utilise the surplus housing in Glenden.

More than 85 percent of dwellings in Glenden are owned by Glencore.