

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1419

asked on Tuesday, 17 September 2019

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**MR D LAST** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the government's recent announcement about SunWater progressing the business case for raising the Burdekin Falls Dam wall—

Will the Minister advise the funding contribution by the Queensland Government to the \$16m business case and the date when the business case is expected to be finalised?

ANSWER:

Building Queensland, in collaboration with Sunwater, is leading the development of a detailed business case for raising the Burdekin Falls Dam for supply purposes.

Sunwater is also developing an environmental impact statement for the project.

The detailed business case officially commenced in September 2019. I am informed that a draft detailed business case will be delivered within 12 to 18 months.

Following completion of an environmental impact statement, the detailed business case can then be finalised factoring in any additional conditions in the approvals and final costings that are influenced by the environmental impact assessment process. The final business case is subject to relevant environmental approvals being provided in the scheduled timeframes.

It is worth noting that the dam raising project will be run concurrently with the Burdekin Falls Dam Improvement Project which is being undertaken to ensure the dam continues to function in line with the latest dam safety guidelines and engineering standards.

These dam improvement works are required to be completed before construction of the dam wall raising is able to commence, subject to the outcomes of the final detailed business case.

I am advised that the estimated cost of this work is \$16.55 million and Sunwater—a Queensland Government-owned water business—will fund this through its planning budget.