

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Maley to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

Southport Development

- 1. What development plans does the Government have proposed for Southport?**

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, recently provided a grant of Crown land (part Mira Square) to Litchfield Council to support development of a community hall and recreational area at Southport.

- 2. What plans does the current Government have regarding the 150 Crown blocks in Southport?**

As above.

- 3. How many Southport blocks are Crown owned, how many are privately owned and how many are 'dead man blocks'?**

Southport is comprised of approximately:

- 171 Crown land blocks; and
- 180 privately owned blocks.

There are no 'dead man blocks' remaining in Southport.

- 4. What plans are there for additional schools – middle school and high schools – in the Berry Springs area?**

The Department of Education in partnership with the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics monitors school capacities and enrolment numbers. Berry Springs Primary School and Taminmin College have capacity to accommodate growth in student numbers. There are also non-government schools in the region that attract students from the Berry Springs area.

- 5. Please provide an update from Government perspective on the development and approval processes relating to the proposed Finn Road Day Care Centre?**

On 12 May 2021, development plans were endorsed. The developer is now permitted to start works on site at any time.

6. **What is the status of the Developing the North fund? What financial reserves does it currently have? What projects are underway? What projects are under consideration? How many projects are under consideration?**

Fund name is not known.

7. **There are concerns among residents at the impact of the Finnis Lithium Project on Southport. Please provide the outcome of studies into the lithium mine's impact on residents, road users and facilities, conducted by the Department of the Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics? What future proofing is planned to minimise the mine's impact on residents, road users and existing infrastructure?**

In 2019, the proponent for the Core Lithium project submitted a Traffic Impact Statement (TIS) to the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics as a part of the documentation seeking agency approvals before the commencement of mining activity.

The TIS found that that the increase in traffic along Stuart Highway, Tiger Brennan Drive and Berrimah Road is proportionately very small and the proposed development will have negligible impacts on these elements of the existing network. The assessment for the Cox Peninsula Road has concluded that the current road network will continue to operate safely as an outcome of the additional ore haulage movements and therefore upgrades are not required.

The recommendations of the TIS meet the requirements of the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics as the road authority.