

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

The following Questions on Notice were submitted by **Cr Higgins**:

1. *What is Council doing regarding the Strategic Delivery Plan's Action item 5.5.3.1 "Pursue with DIER and Crown Land Services the improvement of the road infrastructure, including parking and waiting areas, ferry access and pedestrian access", for Ferry Road, Kettering.*

Response:

Council in conjunction with DIER and the Department of Economic Development engaged SEMF consultants to prepare the Ferry Road and Little Oyster Cove Precinct Plan. It was as a result of this Plan and lobbying by the local Kettering community, which saw both the Labor and Liberal Parties commit funding pledges in the lead up to the State election.

2. *Are there any costings from Southern Water for the recommended sewerage treatment system for the Kettering Precinct Plan?*

Response:

Informal advice has been provided that DIER and the owner of the Oyster Cove Inn have reached an agreement on the servicing of their respective properties. Advice will be sought from Southern Water as to whether they have any forward plans to provide reticulated sewerage to Ferry Road. Based on previous discussions it is highly unlikely that a reticulated system for all of Ferry Road and/or Kettering more generally will be implemented in the foreseeable future.

3. *Does DIER have a commencement date/timeframe for implementation of the Kettering Precinct Plan?*

Response:

Council continues to pursue the commencement of works at Ferry Road however the most recent advice from DIER was that irrespective of the commitments from both major political parties during the election campaign it is unlikely that any works will occur on Ferry Road within the next 2 years. DIER have advised that there will be at least 2 years of planning required for this project however in the meantime it is proposed that on peak weekend/holidays that they will engage staff to monitor/assist with ferry traffic demand particularly as it relates to those residences which have access from Ferry Road.

4. *Has DIER commenced assessing Ferry Road and drawing up plans for its reconstruction?*

Response:

DIER have advised that it is their intention to "commence the planning for Ferry Road next financial year. As previously stated this will take at least two years and will involve significant investigation and there are likely to be a number of significant approvals required before any work can commence. There will be consultation with a wide range of stakeholders during the planning process. This planning work needs to be completed prior to the accessing of funds for detailed design and construction through the Structured Infrastructure Investment Review process as announced in the State budget".