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TOPIC: QLD Government prescribed projects list

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QUESTION No.: BI-63

Senator IAN MACDONALD: I have a couple of very quick questions. Mr Lawson, just following up on your last answer. This is nothing to do with NAIF; this is northern Australian development. You say that the Galilee Basin railway line is on the Queensland government's priority list?

Senator Canavan: In general terms, the Queensland government released a strategic infrastructure priority list, I believe. It would have been last year some time. I recall it possibly being then, but Mr Lawson might have the information.

Mr Lawson: The Adani combined project is on their prescribed projects list. It is on the state government development prescribed projects list.

Senator IAN MACDONALD: Do you know what that means? It is not your department but it is a government you are dealing with.

Senator Canavan: Why don't we take that on notice.

Mr Lawson: We will take that on notice. We had a discussion about this at the last estimates.

ANSWER

The Queensland State Minister may, by gazette notice, declare a project to be a 'prescribed project'. A prescribed project is one which is of significance, particularly economically and socially, to Queensland or a region. The purpose of declaring a project a prescribed project is to overcome any unreasonable delays in obtaining project approvals. It enables the Coordinator-General, if necessary, to intervene in the approvals process in a number of ways to ensure timely decision-making for the prescribed project.