

BRIEF FOR MEETING

SUBJECT Meeting with Ms Amy MacMahon MP, Member for South Brisbane about 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games' plans

DETAILS OF THE MEETING

- You are meeting with Ms MacMahon and Councillor Jonathan Sri, Brisbane City Council on 17 March 2022 at 3.00 pm in Room B.27, Parliament House.
- The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games' (Brisbane 2032) plans including:
 1. The Gabba redevelopment and master plan
 2. Raymond Park warm-up facilities and alternative options
 3. East Brisbane State School.
- The departmental representative attending the meeting with you is Mr Aaron Broughton, Executive Director, Olympic Infrastructure and Precincts Office, Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.

BACKGROUND

- You previously met with Ms Amy MacMahon MP on 1 December 2021 to discuss the same matters. This was requested as a follow-up meeting.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. The Gabba redevelopment and master plan

Suggested response

- Plans to bring forward the redevelopment of the Gabba for Brisbane 2032 will make the most of the Queensland Government's investment in Cross River Rail and Brisbane City Council's investment in Brisbane Metro and the Kangaroo Point Pedestrian Bridge.
- There is ongoing work to determine how the heritage listed buildings in the precinct, including the former Woolloongabba Police Station and the East Brisbane State School could be incorporated into the final redevelopment design.
- The Queensland Government has commenced more detailed planning for the Gabba and surrounds and a master plan will be required to inform the future Woolloongabba Cross River Rail Priority Development Area development scheme. This is in the project scoping phase and will be led by Economic Development Queensland. The development scheme will be subject to future community consultation.
- A detailed program of works including construction timeframes for the Gabba and adjacent development, will be prepared in consultation with key stakeholders and in partnership with the Cross River Rail Delivery Authority, Brisbane City Council, the Australian Government and the Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (OCOG).

Background

- In 2018, the Stadium Taskforce identified that the Gabba was a "tired" venue in need of enhancement, particularly when compared with the major upgrade to the Adelaide Oval and the Optus Stadium in Perth.
- This followed on from comments made by Mr James Sutherland, the former Cricket Australia Chief Executive, during the 2017 Ashes Test that the Gabba has slipped to the number five Test venue in Australia, following significant investment in other states, and prompted calls for redevelopment of the Gabba from members of the media, opposition, cricketers and public, to prevent a further loss of content.

2. Raymond Park warm-up track and alternative options

Suggested response

- A range of location options including Giffin Park were considered for temporary athletics warm-up facilities for Brisbane 2032 with Raymond Park at Kangaroo Point identified as the preferred option due to its proximity to the Gabba.
- In general, warm-up facilities are located directly adjacent or in very close proximity to the competition venue to ensure athlete performance is maximised and not compromised by an excessive wait time between warm-up and event.
- The warm-up facilities do not fit in The Gabba precinct.
- The Populous report that the community is seeking was prepared as part of the deliberative process by the Queensland Government before selecting the Gabba as the venue for athletics and ceremonies. Sch. 4, Pa
Sch. 4, Part 3, Factor 20 and Sch. 4, Part 4, Factor 4 - Disclosing deliberative processes
- Immediately following Brisbane 2032, the temporary warm-up facilities will be removed and the area will be restored by OCOG.
- There is still much more work to do to confirm the final warm-up facility solution.
- OCOG will deliver all temporary facilities required for the Games including the warm-up facility for the Gabba and will eventually take over the detailed planning work required and confirm the final warm-up facility solution.
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- OCOG, the Queensland Government and the Brisbane City Council will work with local property owners and users of the park to manage impacts from Brisbane 2032.

Background

- Sch. 4, Part 3, Factor 20 and Sch. 4, Part 4, Factor 4 - Disclosing deliberative processes
- A Change.org petition claims construction of the warm-up track will not fit into the current green space and will therefore result in the resumption of properties that back on to the park. The petition recommends the temporary athletics warm-up facility be relocated to Giffin Park in Coorparoo, 2.1 kilometres from the Gabba.
- Sch. 4, Part 3, Factor 20 and Sch. 4, Part 4, Factor 4 - Disclosing deliberative processes
- The community has prepared a plan showing an overlay of warm-up facilities on Raymond Park. The source of the dimensions for the facilities are not clear Sch. 4, Part 3, Factor 20 and Sch. 4, Part 4, Factor 4 - Disclosing delibe
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- It is understood that both Ms McMahon and Councillor Sri are regularly engaging with the local community, particularly via social media, to discuss the impacts of Raymond Park.

3. East Brisbane State School

Suggested response

- Sch. 4, Part 3, Factor 20 and Sch. 4, Part 4, Factor 4 - Disclosing deliberative processes
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- The Queensland Government is committed to working with the school community to ensure it remains informed as more information comes to hand.

Background

- The Queensland Government has been undertaking long term planning for the East Brisbane State School and surrounding network for some time. The school is located on a constrained inner-city site, has limited access to greenspace and has experienced strong growth in enrolments of more than 16 per cent over the last four years alone.
- The Queensland Government is committed to ensure all local students have access to a quality education.
- Sch 3(2)(1)(b) - Disclosure would reveal any consideration of Cabinet or would otherwise prejudice the confidentiality of Cabinet cons
- The Queensland Government is committed to working with the East Brisbane community and key agencies to understand the impacts on the East Brisbane State School and on neighbouring schools as the planning for the precinct revitalisation progresses.

CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

- Given time constraints, no consultation has occurred with other departments, but this generally aligns with previous, and still current, advice from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and the Department of Education.

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