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25 October 2023 at 16:36

Dear Dr Buch

Thank you for your email regarding The Gabba redevelopment. I have been requested to reply to you on behalf of the Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games and I apologise for the delay in responding.

It is understood that Ms Katharine Wright, Chief of Staff, Office of the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure, the Honourable Dr Steven Miles MP, also responded to your email on 21 September 2023.

The Queensland Government is honoured that Brisbane, Queensland, was awarded the rights to host the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games (Brisbane 2032). The announcement on 21 July 2021 at the 138th International Olympic Committee Session in Tokyo marked an important milestone in Queensland's history.

This is a tremendous opportunity that will benefit the entire State. Brisbane 2032 is projected to inject more than \$8 billion into the Queensland economy, benefiting communities, tourism operators, sporting organisations and local businesses.

The Gabba's redevelopment is not just for Brisbane 2032 – it also responds to a report into Queensland's ageing stadiums and entertainment venues. Completed in 2018, well before Queensland's successful bid for Brisbane 2032, the Stadium Taskforce Report found that The Gabba was a 'tired' venue, which would come to the end of its useful life by 2030. Hosting Brisbane 2032 is simply bringing forward the stadium's eventual redevelopment.

Rebuilding The Gabba is more than just renewing Brisbane's landmark stadium, it is investing in Brisbane's ability to continue to attract national and international sport and entertainment events. Queenslanders will benefit from job opportunities, not only during construction, but during operation, as well as the flow-on impacts that a bigger, better stadium will deliver for Queensland's economy.

The Gabba redevelopment will provide a range of legacy benefits, including more seating capacity, better accessibility, improved digital connectivity, sport and spectator facilities, purpose-designed access to new transport infrastructure, and increased comfort for spectators and athletes, including more roof coverage to protect spectators from the elements.

The East Brisbane State School (EBSS) will relocate from its current location at the end of 2025, due to The Gabba redevelopment. However, all heritage-listed buildings, including the old Woolloongabba Police Station on Main Street, will remain protected. It is important to note that EBSS's current site is constrained and has almost no greenspace. The Queensland Government recently announced it will build a new, state-of-the-art EBSS just 1.6 kilometres from its current site, which can adequately accommodate future population growth.

Another key reason The Gabba was selected over other existing venues is that it will seamlessly connect pedestrians with transport via a new pedestrian bridge to the new Cross River Rail train and Brisbane Metro stations. Queenslanders will get a modern, accessible, safe, fit-for-purpose major stadium that will attract and host world-class national and international sporting and entertainment events, before and after Brisbane 2032.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write to the Premier.

Office of the Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games

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28 August 2023

Hon. Steven Miles
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RE: THE GABBA AND RAYMOND PARK RE-DEVELOPMENT

Dear Premier, Deputy Premier, and the Queensland Cabinet,

I am writing to you, for the senior members of the Queensland Government, to make a personable plea after listening to this 12-minute film, *Rethink The Gabba*... Please find attached my personal correspondence to you, attached, as the document called, "2023-08-28 Plea to the Queensland State Government".

Kind regards,



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