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Dear Mr Hamilton *Garth,*

Thank you for your letter of 17 August 2023 regarding the Toowoomba Sports Ground.

The Australian and Queensland Governments are working together to deliver the key infrastructure for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games (the 2032 Games), and are committed to leaving an enduring legacy.

The governments have signed an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) that details an Australian Government contribution of up to \$3.4 billion towards 2032 Games venue infrastructure. This includes upgrades to existing venues such as the Toowoomba Sports Ground, under the Minor Venues Program (MVP).

I have noted the community's concerns regarding the proposed upgrade of the Toowoomba Sports Ground. The Australian Government recognises the importance of working collaboratively with all levels of government and consulting the community on Games-related infrastructure projects.

I would also note that the Project Validation Reports that are, under the IGA, prepared prior to an investment decision in each venue within the MVP will consider service need, social impacts, economic impact, project cost and operating models. Through this process a variety of options will be considered for the venue and there will be consultation with key stakeholders.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Catherine King MP

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