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Dear Mr Hamilton

I refer to your letter of 17 August 2023 to the Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games about the proposed upgrade of the Toowoomba Sports Ground (Clive Berghofer Stadium). As the matters you have raised fall within my portfolio responsibilities, your letter was referred to me for my consideration and direct reply.

The Brisbane 2032 Master Plan (the master plan) identifies the location and details for competition venues, non-competition venues, athlete villages and transport required to host the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games (Brisbane 2032). The master plan was determined through extensive consultation across state and local governments as well as private entities and International Sporting Federations. The International Olympic Committee's 'New Norm' agenda guided the venue selection process including using existing and temporary infrastructure as much as possible.

The Toowoomba Sports Ground has been identified for major upgrades to sporting and spectator facilities that meet the needs of the growing community ahead of hosting the preliminary football events for Brisbane 2032. It will have a spectator seating capacity of 15,000 during the Games with 10,000 of these seats provided as temporary overlay. The upgrades will include modern facilities and an increase in permanent spectator capacity from 2,400 to 5,000. There are also plans in place for broadcast quality lighting and improvements to spectator, media and corporate spaces.

Early Project Validation Report (PVR) work has commenced with the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport and the PVR will commence formally later this year. A PVR provides a thorough assessment of the project that helps the government consider a range of options before going through to the procurement and construction stages. The PVR also considers service need, social impacts, economic impact and 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.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Ms Katharine Wright, Chief of Staff in my office, by email at [REDACTED]@ministerial.qld.gov.au or by telephone on (07) 3719 7100.

Yours sincerely



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