



Garth HAMILTON MP

Federal Member for **Groom**



Hon Steven Miles
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Dear Minister

Steven

I am writing in relation to the Toowoomba Sports Ground (Clive Berghofer Stadium) and the proposed upgrades for the Olympic Games in 2032. I refer to media reports on 6 October 2023, noting that the Queensland Government has already spent \$580,600 on a project validation report.

This would suggest that the Government intends on proceeding with this upgrade, without any consideration for community concerns and without undertaking any consultation. Minister, you will be aware of my previous correspondence to the Queensland Government in relation to this matter.

Further you will be aware of my concerns and that of our community regarding the lack of consultation, which has been raised with your office and officials.

Minister, parts of the community in Toowoomba are facing water restrictions due to a lack of investment in new water infrastructure by your government. They are suffering from increasing youth crime, while police numbers fall under your government. They have been blindsided by a Queensland Government transport corridor, that will destroy lives and livelihoods – proposed by your government. Our roads are crumbling, and patients wait for hours in the emergency department under your government.

I hope you can appreciate that it is alarming to read that your government has prioritised \$580,600 in spending to deliver a report, to inform a decision of government that it always intended on proceeding with, despite community concern.

Minister, can you please provide an explanation to our community, as to why the State Government has ignored them?

Yours sincerely

GARTH HAMILTON MP
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR GROOM

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