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RE: SEQ City Deal and the Railway Parklands project

Dear Mayor

I am writing in relation to the South East Queensland City Deal and the Railway Parklands project in Toowoomba. Over recent months, I have been working to seek an update in relation to the project with little success.

I am alarmed other SEQ City Deal projects are progressing such as the Brisbane Valley Highway upgrades and Springfield to Ipswich Public Transport options analysis, at a time when governments have been unable to answer basic questions regarding the Railway Parklands project.

The implementation plan released earlier this year, shows that 'Confirmation of project scope and governance' and the 'Commencement of preliminary investigation studies, and business case development for investment in the Parklands PDA' are due to commence in Q3, 2023.

As we are in Q4 2023, I certainly hope that work has commenced and is underway to deliver the investment in Railway Parklands. As you know, this investment is more than just a nice part of our CBD revitalisation, it is about unlocking housing supply options.

The Railway Parklands project appears to have stalled and that is both concerning and simply, unfair on local people.

I would be pleased to have any updates Toowoomba Regional Council may have received, in relation to the project from other delivery partners in the State and Commonwealth governments.

Yours sincerely

**GARTH HAMILTON MP
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR GROOM**

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