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Federal Member for **Groom**

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Mr Graham Quirk
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Dear Mr Quirk

I am writing to provide you with community insight regarding the proposed upgrade of the Clive Berghofer Stadium (Toowoomba Sports Ground or Toowoomba Stadium) located in my electorate of Groom, as part of the Olympic investment program for new and upgraded minor sports venues.

In recent months, public commentary and debate has increased and become increasingly hostile towards the Olympic Games. Largely this has been in relation to significant infrastructure proposals such as the Gabba redevelopment and Brisbane Arena.

I note the Games have shrunk from being a 'regional games' to a very city-centric 'Brisbane Olympics', since Queensland secured the opportunity to host. Despite this, there remain a few sites for venues in regional areas, however the public is growing sceptical about the benefit of these, given their proximity to the main game's sites, size, capacity and community impact.

The redevelopment could have been a huge opportunity if managed correctly, but from the community feedback I have received, the overwhelming feeling is that residents have been ignored, that it will be detrimental for the local community and it is not the best use of taxpayers' money.

Frustration has grown from the fact that no level of government has bothered to engage with the community or with stakeholders at a broader level. This has left people completely uninformed, including myself, who found out via the Federal Government's 2023 Budget papers. The Toowoomba region deserves a stadium that is reflective of our growth, position, size and the strength in our sporting community.

I am also concerned for the community-based sporting clubs who were not consulted until we started to draw attention to this issue. The Queensland Government has given no guarantees or support to the Toowoomba Bowls Club, Range Tennis Club or Toowoomba Croquet Club who will be impacted by the proposed upgrade of the Clive Berghofer Stadium.



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I do not oppose investment in my region, or in Toowoomba City. I do not take a ‘not in my backyard’ approach to development, but I do believe in community consultation, and in providing people with the information they need to understand the impacts of projects and public policy decisions. Furthermore, I believe it is critical to use taxpayers’ money wisely, particularly in tight fiscal circumstances.

Through this submission, I seek to draw to the attention of senior officials, the detrimental impacts of their chaotic approach to games infrastructure and urge them to reconsider this arrogant approach. There is time to reflect and change course to achieve better outcomes for the community, the economy, jobs, investment, and residents. Furthermore, given the total lack of information on the project which all levels of government – Council, State and Federal -- have failed to provide, I will endeavour to address the key criteria based on what is available to us.

It is vitally important that, before any investment proceeds, Olympics officials consult fully, comprehensively assess if the current set of locations are fit for purpose, review the necessary transport upgrades, and give due consideration to the legacy of investment and community support for the projects.

Yours sincerely

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Value for money

Limited information has been made available in relation to the cost of the Toowoomba Sports Ground (TSG) upgrade. Despite repeated requests, the State and Federal Governments have refused to provide additional information on the cost, design, and proposal.

On 6 October 2023, it was revealed by Nine News reporter Josh Bavas, that the State Government had allocated \$580,635 for a 'Project Validation Report' or PVR. The QTenders website¹ shows that this funding was awarded to consultancy AECOM on 9 September 2023, '*...to provide the PVR Reference Design for the proposed Brisbane 2032 Toowoomba Sports Ground Upgrade.*' It is extremely important that all governments are careful with taxpayers' funds, it is therefore disappointing that this funded is being wasted to support government decision making, instead of delivering community benefit. Many local clubs in Groom could benefit from \$580,000 in funding for new courts, toilets, or equipment.

As per the Federal Financial Arrangement (FFA) signed on 17 February 2023, by Prime Minister Albanese and former Premier Palaszczuk, the Commonwealth has agreed to fund \$3.435 billion toward venue infrastructure for the 2032 Olympic games². This includes Brisbane Arena with funding up to \$2.5 billion and the Minor Venues Program of up to \$935 million. The latter would deliver funding for projects such as the proposal to redevelopment Toowoomba Sports Ground. This is significant taxpayer expenditure; Queenslanders deserve greater transparency and information on how this money is being used and the cost of projects. In recent years we have seen the Queensland Government fail to manage the costs of significant infrastructure projects.

As the Queensland Audit Office recently found, there have been several major developments regarding Olympic infrastructure. It is concerning that Commonwealth funds (taxpayer funds) allocated within the FFA may not be expended appropriately or wisely on upgraded venues, without further consultation on projects proposed under the Minor Venues Program.³ The audit report found that, "*Clear and complete reporting on capital projects is critical to building public trust and ensuring accountability. Current reporting requirements in Queensland could be strengthened to require more complete reporting on capital projects,*"⁴ As noted earlier, the lack of clarity and transparency on the funding arrangements and costs for individual projects is disappointing. The report supports the need for greater accountability, stating "*This particularly applies to the disclosure requirements for the annual capital statement (which details capital projects) and public-private partnerships (between private sector companies and the public sector).*"

According to the Queensland Government's own Olympic Infrastructure website '2Q32.au', *the Toowoomba Sports Ground will receive a number of upgrades including additional seating (2,400 to 5,000), temporary seating (of 10,000), lighting, broadcast equipment and 'modern facilities'*. It is concerning that the State and Federal Governments consider temporary seating to be a good use of taxpayer money. Furthermore this will leave a very limited legacy project for the region, with the exception of all the issues the Council, State and Federal Government have been unable to address.

Until further information is made available including in relation to costs and design, it would be inaccurate to provide further comment on cost benefit, return on investment and value for money. It should be noted that this is a limitation in being able to assess the project.

¹ [Brisbane 2032 - Toowoomba Sports Ground Upgrade: PVR Reference Design - Principal Consultant](#)

² [Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Intergovernmental Agreement, Schedule A: venue infrastructure](#)

³ [Queensland Audit Office, Major projects 2023, Report 7: 2023-24, Section 4, Brisbane 2023 Olympic and Paralympic Games infrastructure](#)

⁴ [Queensland Audit Office, Major projects 2023, Report 7; 2023-24](#)

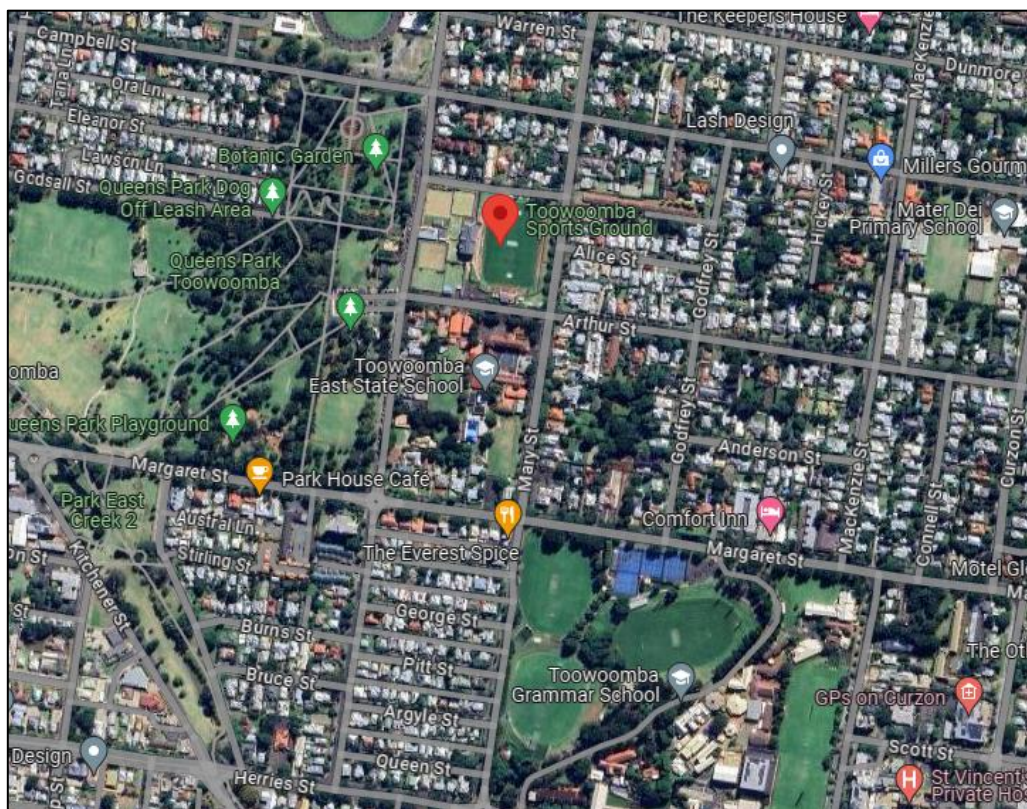
Fit-for-purpose

The State Government has failed to consult with the community or provide details about which events will be held at this site during (and in the lead up to) the Games. This section should be considered against the following sub-criteria: location, transport, parking, heritage, legacy benefit, impact on residents and impact on existing site users.

Many people are concerned about expanding the Stadium in the current location. These are legitimate concerns, and they are deeply rooted in the lack of information available regarding the proposal, the impacts and possible mitigation measures.

Regular feedback from residents has stated that there are concerns for the liveability of the local area, which is already highly congested during peak times (school hours and stadium events). There are concerns for 'over development', primarily that a large stadium would overshadow homes in the area. People have raised concerns about the heritage value of the site itself, including the areas that pay homage to many prominent local persons and regional sports people – in addition to the heritage homes surrounding the stadium site.

Parking has been identified as another significant issue in association with the existing stadium site. Residents have reported issues with parking and congestion on game days, in addition to road safety concerns. This includes blocked driveways, unsafe roadways, illegal parking and in some severe circumstances, destruction of private and public property resulting from increasing traffic and misuse of motor vehicles.



Map 1 – Current site of the Toowoomba Sports Ground

The stadium upgrade at the existing site (Toowoomba Sports Ground) has the tentative support of Toowoomba Regional Council, Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise and the Western Clydesdales. Regardless of the outcome of this review period it is important that these stakeholders, along with

residents and business owners, are consulted as part of the upgrade program. Each has valuable insights to offer, issues and concerns worthy of a response and representations that should be heard.

Deliverability

The existing site is currently used in large part for Queensland Rugby League, Queensland Premier League, is home to the Toowoomba-based Western Clydesdales and hosts a range of other events. At the current location, the site is land locked by Lindsay Street, Arthur Street, Mary Street and Hawthorn Street. In addition, it is situated within the centre of a suburban precinct, predominantly homes and schools. The comparison has been made to Suncorp Stadium by upgrade proponents, however, it ignores the fact that Suncorp is a 50,000+ seat stadium, on the main (heavy) passenger rail line in Brisbane, surrounded by mixed use including residential, commercial and hospitality (and the iconic XXXX Brewery).

If the Olympic 2032 bid was genuinely seeking to ensure projects were deliverable, it would consider greenfield options that do not include the restrictions presented by an existing suburban site. It would facilitate better public transport access, modern multi use facilities, and the range of other important aspects required to deliver a modern sporting precinct the people of the Toowoomba region deserve.

Unfortunately, the goodwill of the people of Queensland, and in this instance, the people of the Toowoomba region, has been abused by Olympic leaders, officials, and politicians. It should not be conflated that this investment will deliver other, long anticipated and supported infrastructure such as a sporting excellence precinct or Equestrian Centre.

In 2021, Toowoomba businessman John Wagner told The Chronicle's Future Toowoomba forum that the lack of parking at the site and its proximity to existing housing were problematic.⁵

Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce CEO Todd Rohl described the current upgrade proposal "*a slap in the face*", and said, "*I find it insulting that a city this size can't secure funding for a 20,000 seat stadium — I'm disappointed we can't deliver this for the community. That upgrade is going to cost hardly anything — it's just not good enough. We don't need a Band-Aid, this business community contributes a lot to the state economy and we deserve a (larger) stadium and we need the government to cough up the funds.*"⁶

The burning question remains - is there a better solution? It is very clear that residents and businesses want to see greater investment, and want to see a high-quality stadium, however the stadium must be well located for maximum future benefit, while limited impacts on people and existing infrastructure.

The example of the Queensland Country Bank Stadium in Townsville has been referred to as a 'best practice' example, where it is located on an unused site, away from suburban areas, with room for future growth and well-developed road and alternative access. It should be noted that Toowoomba Stadium or Toowoomba Sports Ground has limited capacity to increase public transport, parking and access to hospitality venues that would otherwise benefit from events.

This submission does not seek to provide advanced alternative options due to the limitations, scope and available resources of this submission which relies heavily on community consultation, direct

⁵ [Toowoomba sporting infrastructure expert Jason Leslie backs upgrade of Clive Berghofer Stadium to 25,000 ahead of Olympics](#)

⁶ [Toowoomba's Clive Berghofer Stadium won't be upgraded until 2028 by Qld government, temporary seating used for Brisbane Olympics](#), The Chronicle, March 14 2023.

engagement with residents and stakeholders and public commentary. Senior leaders and community members have proposed the following site alternatives⁷:

- Current site of the Toowoomba Base Hospital
- Toowoomba Region Sports Precinct
- Toowoomba Aerodrome
- Railway Parklands / inner CBD on unused lands
- Other.

This submission notes that each of these sites would pose their own challenges and demonstrate individual benefits. Community consultation for any proposed site would be critical and it remains a key part of the local community's concerns with the existing proposed site.

Due to the lack of business case, plans, consultation or publicly available information it is difficult to further assess the ability of the project to be delivered on time, on budget and within the necessary regulatory framework. Additionally, there is a need to understand the implications of the proposal on the region's water, road, sewerage, and electricity infrastructure, as well as other environmental and economic profiles.

Community legacy

Toowoomba region deserves world class facilities and investment as a fast-growing part of Queensland. The investment would not be wasted given that the region produces world class athletes and boasts thousands of young people participating in a variety of sports each year.

The Toowoomba Regional Council submission as presented to the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 20 February 2024⁸ noted that consultation had been undertaken with Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise, Empire Theatres Pty Ltd and the Department of Tourism and Sport, with information provided to support the submission by the afore-mentioned stakeholders. There was no inclusion of consultation information or data with residents, businesses or impacted sport clubs.

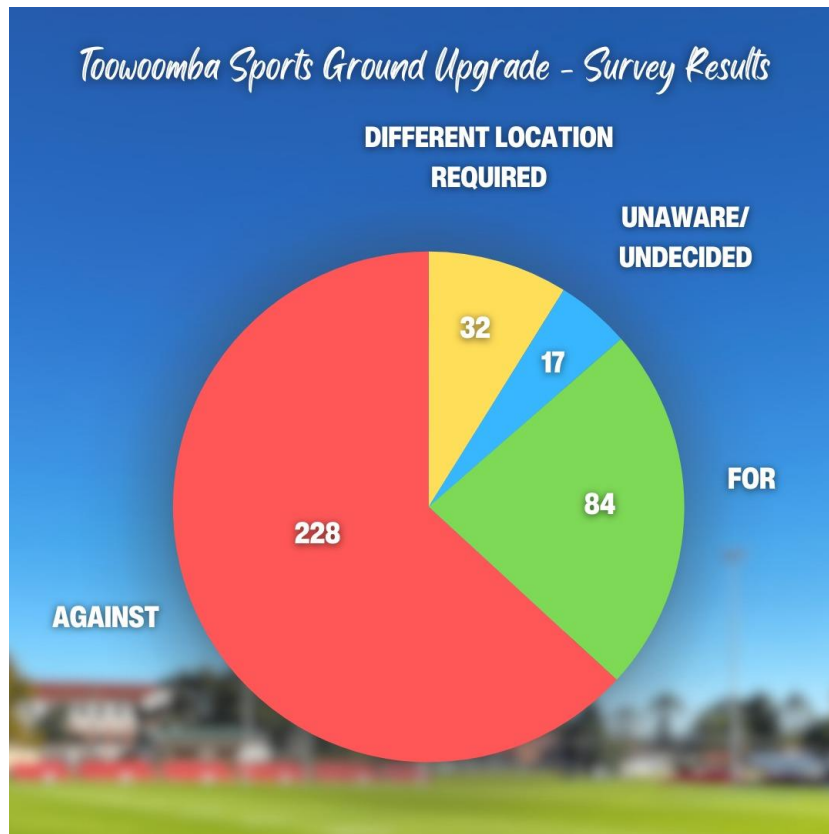
Community based clubs, including the Toowoomba Bowlsⁱ, Range Tennis Clubⁱⁱ and Toowoomba Croquet Clubⁱⁱⁱ all have rich, long-standing histories in the Toowoomba region. The hundreds of members of these clubs have continually called for consultation⁹ and sought further information on the future of their beloved clubs. Due to the lack of consultation, lack of awareness, costly and late 'Project validation report', the Clubs have received no support, guarantee, clarification or understanding as to what is next for them, their operations or how they will be supported if they are displaced.

Consultation undertaken with community members has demonstrated there is not a clear level of support for the project in their community. This consultation included a short survey, delivered by electronic mail (email), letter box drops, online survey (via Meta platforms) hosted on the website of the Federal Member for Groom, Garth Hamilton. The survey was open to all in the Toowoomba region. The below is a summary of feedback received as of 20 February 2024.

⁷ [Toowoomba developers, experts weigh in on potential locations for new 10,000-seat stadium](#), The Chronicle, May 18 2023.

⁸ [Submission to the Queensland Government 60 Day Independent Olympic and Paralympic Venue Master Plan Review](#)

⁹ [Brisbane's 2032 Olympics casts shadow on future of 123-year-old Toowoomba Bowls Club](#), ABC Southern, 19 November 2023.



Graph 1– A snapshot of survey results on the proposed redevelopment of Toowoomba Sports Ground

Further detailed comments from those that chose to participate in the survey is available at Attachment A. This includes deidentified data, and comments that show the lack of support for the proposal.

Summary

Toowoomba region residents, businesses and community clubs want to see investment in our region. It is important we get it right and ensure those impacted, those who can leverage opportunities and better outcomes – including residents - are involved in the process and not ignored.

There are some very legitimate concerns that have been raised and they should be addressed thoroughly. I strongly encourage this review process to deliver stronger oversight into these important funding decisions. The many stakeholders consulted through this process and the Australian Senate inquiry have expressed the importance of proper consultation on these important sporting infrastructure decisions. These opportunities must be seized for the benefit of all aspiring Australian athletes and communities.

ⁱ [Toowoomba Bowls Club](#)
ⁱⁱ [Range Tennis Club](#)
ⁱⁱⁱ [Toowoomba Croquet Club](#)

Name	Have your say
Stephen	I am a member of the Toowoomba Bowls club. To see it destroyed would be devastating. So much history is held in the club and so many people enjoy the sport, community and friendship from the club. Being a member of the club has been such a positive aspect of my life and I can't believe the club is at this risk. I also live in the area and the impact on infrastructure at busy times is already concerning. My children attend Toowoomba East State School and I fear that the development will create a dangerous environment around the school. The school currently uses the stadium and bowls and tennis club for sports events so perhaps this will all cease as well? Another venue with more space for expansion would have been ideal. Somewhere that could have had facilities for many sports would have been fantastic. Like a competition pool, tennis facilities, ovals and grandstands. I really hope that the stadium upgrades are canned. Or perhaps any upgrades can be contained within the existing footprint of the stadium. I think that any benefit that the upgrade will bring is far outweighed by the problems it will cause.
Alison	This will be an absolute tragedy if we lose this precious club! As an east side local I have been to this facility for many social occasions and always see the grounds utilised by the community in some form but particularly the bowls ground! So much history here and it should be protected!!!
Michelle	This is an absolute joke. I live across the road from the stadium and between East school traffic, football games, soccer games, markets, flower festivals, Christmas lights etc there is barely enough safe parking. Getting out of the street onto Mary or Lindsay from Hawthorn is already difficult when the above events are on. There's simply no parking. Busses run into large trees regularly. Do you not agree it should be placed elsewhere? Where there's no congestion and no disruption to schools, densely populated residential and not to mention a removal of community bowls and tennis club?
Ann	I don't believe the proposed site is appropriate as it includes the Toowoomba Croquet Club which it is intended to be demolished. This site is important to the local community and has historical value. The traffic flow around the Botanical Gardens and the Eastern side of Queens Park will increase exponentially and be harmful to the existing ecosystem of the area and a severe hindrance to the community use of that public space. I can offer no alternative site as a secondary suggestion as this proposal is designed to be the most efficient cost wise. Perhaps in the short term but I beg the planners to thoughtfully consider other more suitable and sustainable options. Perhaps the existing Showgrounds sited at Glendale which already has a good infrastructure in place and is close to the airport which would be suitable for international guests, participants, and sightseers.
Wanita	We strongly oppose the development of Toowoomba Stadium. We are members of the Toowoomba Bowls Club, our children attend Toowoomba East State School and we live nearby. A regular school drop off and pick up are hectic enough, a Saturday morning with markets on is hectic enough, a day with a bowls comp and football event is hectic enough, carnival time with sports games and markets is already beyond the available infrastructure. In recent rain events, we see that existing drainage in our community is failing, houses are flooding that previously were unaffected. Please vote against this proposal at every opportunity!
Elli	The proposed development to the CB stadium is severely detrimental to the East Toowoomba community. This sports ground is surrounded by the historic East Toowoomba homes. The character of these homes and the suburb will be poorly transformed if an Olympic stadium is built next door. As a resident in this area, parking is already a significant issue during regular sporting matches - I cannot imagine how problematic this would be if a major event was to be held. We already struggle during carnival events at the neighbouring Queens Park, as there is no public transport infrastructure to support these events. The building of the stadium will also compromise the community services on the grounds - the tennis and bowls clubs. As a local teacher, we bring groups of students down to this bowls club weekly as part of our sporting rotations. This club is a viable option due to its proximity to the school. The volunteers are incredibly patient, teaching students skills beyond how to bowl. This inter generational activity will also be lost if the bowls club has to be relocated. This club is a wonderful place for families to spend time on the weekends - we often visit with our child and friends, to enjoy the welcoming community atmosphere. It doesn't seem as though much thought of the future has been considered in these plans - what will be the use of this significant stadium upgrade post-Olympic games? I cannot imagine that this venue will be regularly utilised to its full advantage, which seems like a significant waste of money. I am not opposed to upgrades within our city, however I strongly believe that this is not the best choice for an Olympic stadium.
Vallely	This can NOT go ahead. This will completely ruin the area. Taking away Queensland's oldest sporting clubs for one event is outrageous. As a resident in the area this will impact us greatly. As it is there is no parking for events like a football match, carnival of flowers, food and wine festivals, Christmas lights, or even the weekly farmers market. The noise from these events also has impacted our lives. This cannot happen!!!
Anthony	I strongly oppose the proposed stadium redevelopment in East Toowoomba. It will erase the historic and ongoing legacy of three sports clubs on site (Toowoomba Bowls Club, Range Tennis club, Toowoomba Croquet Club). These clubs are part of the fabric of our community, and make no mistake that attempts to relocate will mean the end of these clubs - and the joy, health benefits, amenity and community unity that they provide. And for what? To have an unused large stadium located in a suburban/residential neighbourhood that would result considerable parking and traffic issues, road safety issues, noise and light pollution and loss of residential amenity. I have not spoken to a local who lives in the area and supports the proposal. I welcome investment in Toowoomba that supports the community and has the support of residents - I question the value of spending tens of millions of dollars on a stadium no one wants and that will never be utilised at the proposed capacity. The stadium in its current capacity is fit for purpose, and surely a temporary/less costly or alternative solution can be found if it is deemed critical that Toowoomba host a couple of football during the Olympics. Thanks for your consideration.
Lauren	As a resident of east Toowoomba I strongly oppose the redevelopment of the stadium. It will impact our community and the surrounding schools. It will cause safety concerns for our children due to increased traffic as well as noise and light pollution. Our beloved Range tennis club will be demolished, taking away a component of what makes it special to live in this town. This very social tennis club provides us and our children with immense joy, friendships and skills development every week. The new stadium is an unnecessary development for a two week sporting event that will have a long-lasting detrimental impact on our community. Please do not allow this to happen! Relocate it to a location with more space, ease of parking and without affecting an entire community who enjoy living in this town. Please let the oldest tennis club in Queensland continue its reign for many years to come.
Spencer	The Games are scheduled for Brisbane which is 120kms from Toowoomba. Why should we get involved for a few weeks and then pushed back into the Outback and forgotten when the Games are over. Leave the Bowls, Tennis and Croquet Clubs alone and grab a piece of Queenspark for extra parking and facilities. I suggest the powers that be build a new stadium at Wellcamp then it will become a \$220m white elephant to join the existing accommodation centre.
Courtney	I think that the location would be best at USQ. More room, parking would be better accommodated and it's still 10min from town.
Peter	This is an inner city site and unsuitable for an enlarged sporting site. The eastern side of the CBD, area enclosed by Margaret , Bridge Streets to the top of the range I think is the most picturesque area of our city . Queens Park is the gem. The traffic is congested in this area already. If a large stadium is required it would have to be built to the western side. If left exactly as it is but with some extra seats and live streamed to Queens Park is a thought . Be interesting thinking to approach some of the schools for the use of some of their grounds . Some of these games may not have huge crowds. 5,000 attendance at Grammar and Downlandd are common. Could double with some extra seating. Live streaming could also help. There is plenty of potential in Toowoomba.
Suzanne	The development disregards the current use and benefits of long term residents of the area. I walk past there everyday. The current facility is always being enjoyed by various groups. It saddens me that they will no longer be able to use the facility if the development goes ahead. While we must change with the times we must cling to unchanging principles: respect for the community, inclusivity, environmental integrity and safe living spaces. The proposed development does little to contribute to those principles. As an alternative, a facility built on frogs hollow Queens park would provide a new facility that is close to the city and would negate the need to build temporary infrastructure every time an event is held. That would be a win for the city.
Swan	I am completely opposed to the proposal. A total waste of taxpayer dollars and highly impactful to the beautiful community already experiencing congestion from the many events held in this area on weekends.
Margaret	Please, please STOP this We don t need this , let's preserve some of our past
Ronna	Dear Garth I am writing to register opposition to the planned upgrade to Clive Berghofer Stadium. My parents in their eighties live within 200 metres of this venue. This stadium is located in a residential area. The area is already a bottleneck of traffic and parking and this proposal will exacerbate the issues of noise and access. There is little detail at what the proposed upgrade will involve and impacts on residents. If the upgrade includes the demolition of the Toowoomba Bowls Club, Croquet Club and Range Tennis Club on the site that is totally unacceptable. Community consultation has been extremely poor. There are other sites in Toowoomba that are far better placed for development for purposes such as this and these should be investigated.

	<p>I'm all for developing and moving forward , maybe those little clubs need to merge and work together moving forward. We need development as we grow as a city.</p> <p>I was told that the Croquet Club has less than a dozen members?</p> <p>It's not a growing sport.</p> <p>I do understand history as well and all the value these clubs and people bring to it, but just find a way they can all work together in a space that caters for them.</p> <p>To be concerned about traffic and parking , the whole of Toowoomba is a parking lot, just look how nothing flows , that's caused by lack of traffic upgrades, can't blame development alone on that.</p>
Robbie	
	<p>I agree that the community needs any funding available to go towards a new sports stadium on the western side of Toowoomba with easy access to public transport.</p> <p>Parking is not an issue because of many options available. A free commuter bus to nearby car parks would be beneficial, too.</p> <p>The small increase in seating is not as beneficial as a new stadium would be.</p> <p>A new stadium would attract visitors who wish to fly to an event eg. If any Olympic trials/ games were to be held.</p>
Amanda	
	<p>The development disregards the current use and benefits of long term residents of the area. I walk past there everyday. The current facility is always being enjoyed by various groups. It saddens me that they will no longer be able to use the facility if the development goes ahead. While we must change with the times we must cling to unchanging principles: respect for the community, inclusivity, environmental integrity and safe living spaces. The proposed development does little to contribute to those principles. As an alternative, a facility built on frogs hollow Queens park would provide a new facility that is close to the city and would negate the need to build temporary infrastructure every time an event is held. That would be a win for the city.</p>
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Virginia	<p>There has been no thought for the people who enjoy this heritage local sports complex or for the surrounding community who will have to live with something all for the sake of a few games in 2032.</p>
	<p>Requirements for 2032 Olympics should use facilities with least disruptive efforts. The highfields stadium is bigger and newer and has more space for parking, food, medical etc. and greatest ability to expand. the traffic/ pedestrian problems from one day of league fixtures at Clive stadium is terrible so Olympic use will ruin the area. Busing athletes from Brisbane to highfields via bypass will ensure lower traffic chaos in Toowoomba and still allows for hosting of sport- if it has to happen.</p> <p>The destruction of heritage listed bowls club for once off event is reckless and community crushing. Hundreds of members/ teams will be ousted from bowls of the stadium takes over that space too. Plus loss of tennis courts club, coaching etc for kids.</p> <p>I think the Olympic waste of money should stop, ending all over investment in infrastructure that will be removed or deteriorating after the games.</p>
Rebecca	
	<p>I absolutely support the upgrade to the stadium. Toowoomba is crying out for a venue that will attract higher level sports to the region. While if you were planning a stadium today, it obvious wouldn't be in this location, we are so quick to tear down our cultural heritage. Look at some of the other great venues in the other parts of the Country that are in the suburbs, Leichhardt Oval for example. The venues have contributed to the fabric of our communities for decades and should be cherished. The grandstand at the ground should have been renovated not destroyed. There is nothing better than sitting on my front veranda on a Saturday afternoon listening to the cheers from the league or football game. How Australian is that??</p>
Jonathon	<p>If we must have the Olympics, then at least get some of the spend into the regions, and don't waste it on tearing down the Gabba. And stop listening to the crusty old farts in East Toowoomba. If they had their way it would be horse parking only at the stadium. One thing that should happen, is a shuttle bus service, as parking is a challenge. Same goes for the food and wine festival.</p>
	<p>Absolutely DO NOT support the proposal to further upgrade the stadium. The suburb of East Toowoomba is a family friendly school community where our children are safe and free to walk to and from school. Free and safe to meet their friends in Queens Park for a game of football. Free and safe to mountain bike. Free and safe to venture to the cultural festivities of the cob & Co markets. Free and safe to grow up in a safe community. East Toowoomba is home to 4 x private schools and 1 x public school.</p> <p>Having lived on the corner of Mary and Hawthorn Streets (101 Mary Street) at the stadium for 10 years we had our fair share of problems when large games were on with the type of people attending the games. On game days, we consistently had alcohol bottles, cigarettes, needles, rubbish and intoxicated people in our yard and on our private property. We routinely had to request police presence on the street, in front of our house, for security. This meant our children could not leave the house on those days and were hindered in their ability to continue their normal activities eg. Cello lessons, school sport on game days.</p> <p>Additionally, the amount of traffic and road closures, on game days, meant my husband couldn't navigate a route to attend work in an emergency. He is a specialist doctor who needs access at all times to attend the hospital in an emergency.</p> <p>We have since sold our property at Mary Street and moved around the corner at 78 Campbell Street, East Toowoomba. We couldn't deal with the game days and inconvenience any longer. With the proposed upgrade we envisage the same problems on Campbell street and further future road blocks and restrictions.</p>
Brooke	<p>PLEASE relocate your stadium to a position away from any suburbs.</p>
Liz	<p>I have been a resident of East Toowoomba for 27 years and we chose this area for the parks, trees and "village" atmosphere of this part of Toowoomba. To lose a community gathering spot would be tragic. The amount of traffic would increase and this change to, what is a beautiful spot in the Queens Park area, would be detrimental to the suburb for what is a major change that doesn't benefit our city in the long term. I, and my family, oppose this change.</p>
Ray	<p>What is being proposed to allow Toowoomba to host several low grade dull football games is more than bizarre. The destruction of the Bowls Club, Tennis Club and Croquet Club would be an act of the very worst vandalism and would destroy a large part of the community fabric of East Toowoomba. This proposed monstrosity which will cause traffic congestion and excessive noise doesn't belong in a residential area with poor infrastructure and a lack of public transport to support the build. I'm absolutely shocked and appalled this project is even being considered and my wife and I will ACTIVELY oppose it.</p>
Rieck	<p>I vehemently oppose the redevelopment of the Clive Berghofer Stadium.</p> <p>Surely there is larger land available in our beautiful city that would be better suited to any redevelopment both now and into the future.</p> <p>The present stadium is surrounded on all sides by ambient parks, tranquil residential areas.</p> <p>Any redevelopment that would increase patronage or impact the serene lifestyle of the area is a definite negative in my opinion.</p>
Michael	<p>I do NOT support the proposal to redevelop Toowoomba Sports Ground.</p>
Karen Mortland	<p>I don't believe this 'upgrade' is necessary at this point in time. I use the current facilities myself and also as a grandparent of children who use the facility. Once this complex is taken away it can never be repositioned in the area. Although I don't live in E/Toowoomba I like many others are a part of the older, growing, population who can easily arrive at this location for the many options of use. Take it away and it can never be replaced, a huge loss for Toowoomba. (Not just East Toowoomba.)</p>
Catherine	<p>I cannot see how Clive B stadium is a suitable place for stadium redevelopment - traffic problems, noise & other pollution for local residents & users of the (peaceful) Queens Park environs. I am also incensed at the idea that historical community facilities, centrally located, would be eliminated - bowls club, tennis courts, croquet lawns. These facilities are appropriate for an inner city, peaceful, gardens environment & history matters. In a city the size of Toowoomba (relatively small) surely transport & traffic would be better managed further out. Would facilities at the University for example be available for redevelopment/ expansion? Or perhaps some newer areas would appreciate a stadium facility close to hand. Not knowing what other options are being considered I find it hard to comment sensibly.</p>
	<p>The fact I wasn't even notified by the government of the proposed re-development of the stadium speaks volumes.</p> <p>I reside in Alice Street (literally a street off) and there is not enough parking as it is for local weekend football games, let alone Olympic size crowds. Are you planning on building a 10 tier carpark aswell to cater for the additional capacity?</p> <p>Have you countered in the fact you will be demolishing 3x historic sports clubs on the site that have been around for ages?! One established 1893.</p> <p>This is a residential neighbourhood and the noise from weekend games is enough to drive me crazy. LET ALONE OLYMPIC GRADE GAMES.</p> <p>How will public transport work? How will parking work? Have you factored in that there is a SCHOOL right across the road? Have you factored in that the whole community will be upset?</p> <p>Build it ELSEWHERE. From scratch, with ample parking and accessibility. NOT within a lovely neighbourhood with limited parking.</p> <p>There is ample land at Wellcamp, Torrington, Glenvale, and areas further West that will have minimal disruption to the locals of Toowoomba.</p> <p>WE DON'T WANT THIS.</p>
Lily	<p>Do better..</p>
Paul	<p>Please stop this development. Waste of money plus no parking and big impact on locals. Money should be spent on the well overdue sports complex for Western toowoomba near Charlton. All that money spent in Highfields for their sports complex but next to none where the main population of Toowoomba live.</p>
Essie	<p>Disgusting. And get the mayors fingers out of it. Thank you.</p>
	<p>Completely opposed to this. Build it in one of the outer suburbs using vacant land, rather than destroying much loved facilities.</p>
Jena	<p>Why are you suggesting knocking down multiple beloved heritage amenities in an already congested residential area when there are many outer areas you could build something new? Why destroy in order to build??</p> <p>Our daughter goes to school at East State and we already have issue with traffic and parking and you want to turn the area into a construction site for the next years for it then to become an eye-sore and massive inconvenience to the daily lives of locals.</p> <p>Utter stupidity. Complete short sightedness. Preserve the beautiful area, preserve the community. Think of the school, and people who go to Queens Park for the tranquility.</p>
Amanda	<p>Statements about Legacy are an insult to the three Historic Sports venues that will be demolished for the redevelopment. Another catastrophic, ill considered decision by a government that has been entrusted to protect our heritage and support volunteer run clubs who provide a phenomenal community initiative.</p>

Lenny	<p>The mention of the words ' legacy for the future' in regard to the redevelopment of Toowoomba Stadium-Clive Berghofer-Athletic Oval is pathetic.</p> <p>Our government and council are willing to destroy the Community Legacy being the 124 years the Toowoomba Bowls Club has been there on site, for 1 Olympic Games.</p> <p>Instead of continuing this Legacy for another 124 years, they (Qld Gov and TRC) are motivated by promoting this ridiculous proposal of further upgrading an already over upgraded venue.</p> <p>The CB stadium now has become an office block for an under performing Government Department called DTIS, than a sporting oval for the Community. It has a fleet of expensive rarely used government vehicles, its acting Stadium Manager and her assistant are so busy doing nothing that they are regularly seen walking around the block numerous times a day.</p> <p>The CB stadium is hardly used more than 30 times a year, as it is too costly for local sporting organisations to utilise, and in the last 8 years millions of taxpayers dollars have been spent on upgrading the place. Upgrades include - full renovation of stadium, change rooms, offices and function rooms. Whole new playing surface and underground watering system, state of the art electronic scoreboard, and not forgetting the new seating around the ground.</p> <p>Aren't Governments and Councils supposed to promote the benefits and Sport and Recreation??</p>
Lisa	It would be such a shame to put a stadium of that size in a residential area. Why not invest the money on the outer suburbs of Toowoomba where there is so much more room for parking, food opportunities etc. We chose to live in East Toowoomba paying premium prices for obvious reasons. It does not make sense to build it here.
Suzanne	No,East Toowoomba is an inappropriate location for a stadium. It is an old area and the heritage integrity would be compromised.
Lelia	I am a resident who lives a couple of residential blocks from the oval. The neighbourhood cannot support the flow on effects of the proposed redevelopment. Consideration should be given to the reason why the Toowoomba Show Grounds was relocated from the corner of Campbell and Lindsay Streets to its current location at Glenvale - the congestion of all forms of traffic (including pedestrian) is a lasting memory.
Alex	The location is illogical for short term or long term benefits. Put in close proximity to city where current land use is allocated to industry would be sensible.
Rick	<p>There is not enough parking at the current Stadium now.</p> <p>The Council has done enough damage to East Toowoomba already with cutting up house blocks and allowing ugly units in back yards.</p> <p>We live in East Toowoomba for a reason, and a new Stadium in the middle of a quiet suburb is not one of them.</p>
Trineta	<p>Maybe a new stadium is required but not in the current position.</p> <p>Build something new elsewhere else that has suitable parking & room for expansion into the future.</p> <p>Thanks</p>
Palmer	<p>Pls do not destroy this iconic Toowoomba establishment</p> <p>Do not destroy the bowls club</p>
Rhiannon	I am strongly opposed to this redevelopment. A beautiful site will be ruined not to mention the impact on parking and access for Queens Park during the redevelopment. I would recommend finding another suitable spot for development...
Paul	<p>Clive Berghofer Stadium should remain a small boutique ground for local games.</p> <p>Any expansion into larger venues should focus on opportunities to the west of Toowoomba where there is lots more green space for future developments</p>
Teagan	<p>We are so worried about the impacts to our local community. There is a wonderful sense of history and respect here, and the three sporting clubs support that. We have terrible time with the parking when the events get too big and I also thing that there are other suburbs that a worthy of investing in. Other suburbs also deserve amenities, where as we love what we currently have. I think UniSQ would be a wonderful spot for a new stadium and Gold park is also a bigger area for refurbishment. The changes don't make sense and are bringing a lot of sadness and anxiety.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
Julie	<p>The stadium should not be redeveloped under the current proposal. It will be detrimental to the adjacent school (Toowoomba East State School), detrimental to local heritage (including the tennis and bowls club), and will worsen parking and noise levels in the neighbourhood.</p> <p>Any large stadium planned should be considered in non-residential areas of Toowoomba only.</p>
Ben	I am a national/ liberal supporter. Forget politics and get on with it. Let the investment happen and make it work. The political industry in Australia should be ashamed of itself in its current form and if things don't change there will be more minority groups and lunatics running the country in a very short due to disenchanting traditional voters.
Col	No. Based on traffic congestion and PARKING requirements. I do not oppose development in Toowoomba but need to find a new location for this one.
Stephen	As you have said Garth, it will be a total disaster for East Toowoomba.Cannot get parking here now when this a big game on, imagine trying to park when there would be thousands turn up, the traffic would be terrible. Plus East Toowoomba would lose its great appeal, as a lot of tourists like to visit this part of Toowoomba. Find a better location on the outskirts of Toowoomba where traffic and parking would not be an issue.
Vanessa	<p>I believe this development is of huge detriment to the character and heritage of East Toowoomba. The tennis club is the oldest in Queensland, which is of significant historical importance.</p> <p>Were this development site a character home in East Toowoomba, the developer would have to jump through hoops with local council and outlay considerable money to have any development approved, due to the East Toowoomba precinct being governed by Character Overlay guidelines.</p> <p>However, the State Government can come along and completely disregard these guidelines and destroy an important part of East Toowoomba's heritage.</p> <p>I vehemently oppose this development.</p>
Joy	<p>A lot of money being spent on a project for a couple of lead up games - there is limited room for expansion doing the project in this area</p> <p>The project needs to be further out of town where adequate parking could be provided - and opportunity to have buses to and from the venue</p> <p>Public transport will not be boosted at this site as there is not enough or frequent reliable buses running to events</p> <p>Long term this needs to be built further out where it can be expanded on to add other facilities to it, e.g. conference centre, business rooms, regional offices for all sports, concerts, etc.</p>
Andrew	<p>I enjoy listening to the games from home in Alice st but there is no parking now when games are on</p> <p>I'm also concerned about how the stadium will look from the outside we don't need an eyesore in east Toowoomba</p>
John	<p>This will absolutely destroy our area.</p> <p>I live on Arthur Street.</p> <p>My kids walk to school each day, knowing that they are safe to do so.</p> <p>Living in this area, the streets are full due to school drop off and pick up as it is.</p> <p>This little area works beautifully, please, please don't let it be ruined</p>
Erin	<p>We should retain local historic landmarks. There is already significant congestion with local congestion including traffic backing down the range crossing. This is in addition to significant noise issues in a residential area.</p> <p>If they want to build a stadium it should be out of town in a sporting precinct with parking and public transport. This could be better utilised by local school and club level sporting competitions after the proposed events.</p>
Maureen	I think it is disgraceful that no consultation has occurred with either the users of the sports facilities or nearby residents. I am a member of the Croquet Club and have also recently purchased a property in the area. I think there is a total disregard to the sporting clubs and residents of the area. I consider a better option would be to build a proper stadium at the Charlton sports grounds. The stadium at Charlton would be accessible to travelers using the Wellcamp airport. There would also be easy access from Toowoomba to Charlton via buses or cars. There would also be ample accommodation places available on the western side of the city and within the city itself. It would be such a shame for the Bowls Club, the Tennis Club and the Croquet Club to have to be moved when they have been in existence for over 120 years.
Margaret	<p>The State Government and Toowoomba Regional Council should fund a complete overhaul of the Gold Park Precinct to provide excellent facilities for all football codes, for all players and for the spectators.</p> <p>The present Sports Ground is totally inadequate, too small, too old and in an unsuitable location.</p>
Francis	<p>Hi Garth,</p> <p>If a larger stadium is required for Toowoomba I would be looking for a more central location. At least on the western side of the city, as that is the direction the development is going. Perhaps an area of public land adjacent to Ruthven street in the Kearney Spring location could be considered. It would be the easy way out to redevelop Berghofer Stadium. The area has become iconic and services the eastern side of the city admirably. Let us not destroy our past by closing down the century old club.</p>

	<p>The area around the current sports stadium is surrounded by many high value homes. The sporting facility that exists today appears to meet the needs of both the sport fraternity and the local community. The sports ground is the home to other sport such as tennis, bowls and croquet and is well supported and their loss would have a significant impact on its current membership. The thought of losing their clubs is unacceptable as they are vital to the well-being of the current membership and in the future new members. We are all encouraged to remain active regardless of age and such clubs provide this opportunity.</p> <p>The residents of this area are in general quite mature and so a new facility is unlikely to benefit them. There are other areas of Toowoomba that I am sure would welcome having a new sports stadium, the cost of which would probably be no more than the planned refurbishment and would be custom built and therefore more efficient.</p> <p>Parking is already at a premium in this area, and I can only foresee this becoming a bigger issue.</p> <p>I agree that it would be good for Toowoomba to benefit from the Olympics and other sports could be considered that will fit in with the local environment.</p> <p>Finally the reconstruction to the existing stadium will result in major disruption to local residents and will in all likelihood result in a devaluation of their properties.</p>
Phillip	
Paul	<p>No its a stupid idea. The only people to support this extension would be the groups with a vested interest in a bigger facility and subsequent financial benefit.</p> <p>the Parking is bad enough and would be worse if it was to occur. there is no public transport in Toowoomba to speak about and most attendees would drive.</p> <p>then there would be the extra financial burden of the maintenance and on-going costs which the rate payers would be expected to bear</p> <p>Another stupid idea from this state govt as a SOP to the region and rural areas to foist Training facilities instead of High level competition</p> <p>We strongly support the comments from the community forum</p>
Griessen	<p>thank you for your request to comment unlike the State Govt</p>
William	<p>Why do away with three sports for the sake of one sport? Maybe Clive Berghofer could have some influence</p>
Pam	<p>Right from the start you have taken the greatest opportunity to turn this issue into a political football and attacking labour whenever. .Handing out biro,s writing pads and every other means. It's a wonder you didn't have that fella Watts and the other dude from Tmba South and made it an all LNP evening. If you read the ABC article they talk about \$ 935 million from the federal government, you mentioned \$ 3-4 million what's it to be ? Nine years away is a lot of speculation, being a State concern there's a hell of a lot work out there.You sit down and write your letters like a good boy because I don't think they are having much impact. I read Ms King reply didn't sound very interested she fobbed you off .!! I think there's a lot more you can do for the seat of groom without worrying about the Toowoomba Bowls club.You adopted the Yes vote into party election issue ,visiting Fairholme and only speaking to the NO people couldn't even say Good morning to everyone . That's diplomacy.cheers PS it's a bit of a white elephant now</p>
David	<p>Believe the stadium should be relocated as it's already a parking nightmare for East Toowoomba and impact an already residential area which is already congested.</p>
Andrew	<p>There are ample venues in and around Toowoomba that would be more suitable,such as Charlton.For a once off event it seems ridiculous to disrupt three sporting facilities that have serviced the community for over a century.Where as the Berghofer stadium rarely has many events.</p>
Peter	<p>A terrible idea from a terrible government with no ideas about regional areas.</p> <p>The city would be better served by a new 15,000 seat stadium on the city fringe ie on the site of the old Toowoomba Airport. Plenty of parking, in a semi light industrial area so minimal impact on residential areas.</p> <p>No Noise issues either and easy access to the CBD and the Wellcamp airport for future biggers games in town.</p>
Linda	<p>The Arthur Street stadium has no parking, and most importantly the demise of the Croquet, tennis & bowls clubs is so terrible it is very sad. This is Qld history the State Gov is tampering with. How dare they.</p>
Tim	<p>I agree with Mr Berghofer who has suggested that a new stadium be built out of town. Charlton was one possibility.</p> <p>Problems of traffic congestion, loss of heritage value, noise and the loss of tennis, bowls and croquet facilities.</p> <p>The nearness to a major school would compound problems such as parking and traffic.</p> <p>As a member of the Toowoomba Historical Society I am aware of the problems of traffic congestion which we experience around our rooms in Lindsay Street when there is a major event at the present facility.</p>
Margaret	<p>We don't need any changes to the Toowoomba Sports Ground. The area doesn't cope now with the amount of traffic and there is no off-site parking.</p>
Michael	<p>The total lack of consultation is sadly not surprising as it is the go-to standard for this Labour Govt. Think back to Wellcamp Detention Centre fiasco for just one of many examples.</p> <p>Biggest issue I can see with the Toowoomba Stadium is the lack of parking and services. This area has enough problems dealing with the many events located in Queens Park let alone an upgraded stadium. Traffic is an issue morning and afternoon on any School day, just for starters.</p> <p>I suggest a certain Premier should pop her vast aspirations of personal glory and ego extension back in a box and concentrate on the numerous issues which are far more relevant to the tax paying Qld Public.</p> <p>The whole Olympic event gets a no from me.</p>
Jane	<p>Unfortunately, the plan to build a super-stadium in the middle of East Toowoomba might sound wonderful on paper, but would be a terrible legacy for a town that is known for its historical precincts and gardens. I gather the premise for wanting to build on the current Clive Berghofer stadium site is that it is central, akin to the idea that Lang Park (aka Suncorp stadium) is easier to access for the people of Brisbane than is QE2 stadium (Kessels and Mains Rds), on the southside. The big difference here, is that Toowoomba is a '20-minute city', meaning that everything is within a 20 minute drive, even from the other side of town. The same can't be said for Brisbane. So, the argument that a new stadium for Toowoomba needs to be 'centrally located' just doesn't hold water.</p> <p>To add insult to injury, to build the new stadium in the proposed area of the existing Clive Berghofer stadium precinct would require the destruction of three historical clubs, including the bowls, croquet, and tennis clubs, which are probably the oldest surviving clubs in Toowoomba (over 100 years old). The whole area is a heritage precinct, so the idea of knocking down clubs that have stood the test of time, to replace them with an over-sized (14 times the current capacity) and modern white elephant, that will visually clash with the historical beauty of the surrounding neighbourhood is just plain 'town-planning vandalism'.</p> <p>Considering the compact nature of Toowoomba, it makes a lot more sense to place a new mega-stadium in an area such as within the existing sports ovals at Kearney Springs (bounded by Spring Street and Ruthven/New England Hwy). This already supports softball and touch etc, and consists of 5 existing ovals in a block, and a large carpark, as well as being adjacent to the Kearney Springs Historical Park. It is a HUGE area, and within 20 minutes drive for anyone living in Toowoomba. A modern stadium would not look out of place in Kearney Springs, since it has relatively modern housing, as well as shopping centres (KMart, Aldi, Coles, Harvey Norman etc etc) all within a stone's throw. And no need to destroy any historical clubs.</p>
Dawn	<p>That's my 5 cents.</p>
Margaret	<p>Hi Garth</p> <p>I live in Mary Street and think that a new stadium should be built where there is proper parking and infrastructure. We can't demolish the bowls/croquet club as it really is a city treasure. There is lots of land at Highfields at the Sports Ground there or even at the Wellcamp Airport precinct. Build new infrastructure instead of destroying existing clubs and community sports associations.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Jane .</p>
Dawn	<p>I disagree with the extension at Toowoomba Sports Ground for the following reasons -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parking is not sufficient for the current activities in the area so why crowd it even more. 2. Heritage is a consideration - why tear down what is working presently for temporary activities. 3. With people living longer and baby boomers now here, we need these LOCAL social activities- Tennis, bowls and Croquet to provide seniors activity. <p>I do think that using millions to knock down and build temporary is a waste so why not start on our new sporting fields at Charlton and have the start of our new sporting/social ovals and catering areas with plenty of parking - lots money but a good start!!</p>
Margaret	<p>This is a historically significant residential area and is totally unsuited for redevelopment in this way. There is plenty of room west of the city where a much better fit for purpose facility could be established, avoiding all the congestion and noise for residents. The lack of consultation by the government on this proposal is shocking.</p>
Margaret	<p>To destroy 3 other clubs to enhance one venue is totally wrong. The tennis club & the bowls clubs are used EVERY DAY of the week, ALL YEAR ROUND & the croquet club is used every week all year. The Clive Berghoffer Stadium is only used occasionally & for a short period during football season. How does it make sense to upgrade that facility to the detriment of the other clubs? It would make more sense to use that area for the extra parking which is so central to Queens Park & the tennis, bowls & croquet clubs and relocate the sports ground to a new area where there is ample room for parking and more user friendly for other sporting fixtures. To use the excuse that the upgrade is required for the olympics is ludicrous when Toowoomba has not been given any indication that events will even be held here and to spend that huge amount of money for a two or four week one off event is totally irrational.</p> <p>There is also a large vacant area behind the Cobb & Co Museum that maybe could be purchased to provide more parking.</p> <p>Yes, a nice new sports ground would be wonderful for Toowoomba but not at the expense of 3 other very popular clubs that have been there for over 100 years & still going strong.</p>

Richard	<p>I am a resident of East Toowoomba and enjoy the use of the existing sporting facilities. The Toowoomba Sports Ground is part of the community fabric and has been so for a long time. The proposed development is unsuitable for predominantly urban area and proximity to Queens Park.</p> <p>I support the need for a new high capacity sports stadium but in a location fit for purpose and properly serviced with public transport and parking.</p>
Bob	<p>The State Government and Olympic Officials must come to Toowoomba and consult with all local residents and the three sporting clubs affected by the proposal. The clubs have all been in existence for over 100 years on the site. If they were buildings they would be considered heritage and be protected.</p> <p>The lives of many people who live and work in the surrounding area will be affected adversely.</p> <p>Parking not just for the proposed Olympic events but also for events that may follow will disrupt the area.</p> <p>If it goes ahead will clubs be adequately compensated?</p> <p>The Council and the two State Members of Parliament should be more involved .</p> <p>I support actions taken by Garth Hamilton thus far but we do need more and more publicity so that the message gets to more people.</p> <p>More direct action will probably be required in the New Year.</p>
Wendy	<p>I live in French Street, quite near the stadium.</p> <p>My concerns are traffic, parking and noise.</p> <p>Traffic is difficult here during carnival and any other events in the park or at the stadium, especially when both have functions at the same time. It is always difficult at school times because of the number of private schools in the area. These seem to continue to grow and it well known that school pick zones are dangerous because parents are looking for kids and kids are impulsive.</p> <p>There simply isn't enough parking in the area for a bigger stadium. Again during carnival and other functions the parking spreads far and wide.</p> <p>On the other hand I am a conservationist. (that is to say I am a conservative who believes we need to stop destroying the natural environment. Ever expanding cities with more and more tar nd cement are not good for anyone.</p> <p>If they do go ahead I would suggest they install covered parking where the bowls club and croquet are and relocate them to the open air space on top of the car parking.</p> <p>If the site can't provide parking it should not go ahead.</p> <p>If improved transport requirements impinge on Queens Park please remember it is heritage listed.</p>
Denise	<p>As a resident of Arthur Street, I am very opposed to this proposal. This is a quiet residential street and this ham-fisted proposal will take away the amenity and ambiance that we currently have from the present sporting fields adjoining the Clive Berghofer Stadium. At the moment, East Toowoomba residents, many of whom are older, have the opportunity to play sport only a short distance from their home. The Bowls Club, Croquet Club and Tennis Club are all located here, but will have to be removed, if this so-called "upgrade" goes ahead. These clubs are greatly valued by the local community and are well patronised. In taking these clubs away from our street, we are also losing an important part of our street's history, as these clubs have been located here in Arthur Street, just opposite the Botanical Gardens, since the 19th century and are some of the oldest in Queensland.</p> <p>This ugly and ill-conceived proposal will bring no benefit at all to the residents of Arthur Street, but will actually impact negatively on the heritage values of our street, as well as on our opportunities for health, recreation and community involvement. The detrimental impact of building bigger stadiums in old residential areas has already be seen in Brisbane, at Suncorp Stadium and the Gabba. It's ridiculous to destroy the fabric of a community like this for a one-off sporting event and the government wasting their money, thinking they're doing the residents of East Toowoomba a favour.</p>
Lannah	<p>I have been a business owner in toowoomba CBD since 1987 and have witnessed poor decisions and poor management from our politicians be they local or state, have destroyed what was once a vibrant and desirable shopping destination. Parking and public transport and traffic flow have been at the root of the demise turning Margaret Street into a "low level" Caxton Street.</p> <p>I have lived in East Toowoomba since 1993 and have observed what has become traffic bedlam in the streets at school drop off and school collection times, coupled with very many cars parked outside our homes - being east School staff, people avoiding paying for city parking, and school students from TGS driving to school and parking cars to attend school classes.</p> <p>Before any consideration be given to another development in the Toowoomba region I would suggest we see how what is already bandaid patching solutions be addressed and improved instead of sprawling onto the streets creating a danger to pedestrians and drivers alike.</p> <p>Public transport that's adequate to service the community, public car parking to accomodate the community and a significant reduction in the youth crime.</p> <p>Maybe once our community successfully address these matters consideration for further development could be given.</p>
Dunn	<p>Absolutely AGAINST this proposed development at this site. As residents of Arthur Street we are impacted with any event at the existing grounds by parking, littering and noise in the immediate area but it's generally tolerable. If this were to become a stadium it would very negatively impact the entire beautiful niche, old suburb and Parks of East Toowoomba of which I've been a loyal patron since my own Mater Dei years!!</p>
Sukrant	<p>I agree with a stadium but absolutely NOT at the proposed site.</p> <p>Support the upgrade.</p>
Elizabeth	<p>I didn't realise it was legal for the council/government was able to do these massive changes to areas where so many people live and will affect them substantially, without consultation or going through the appropriate development process that every other individual would have to.</p> <p>I think it would be a monstrosity alongside the beauty of Queen's Park and the Botanic gardens.</p> <p>Getting rid of the historical lawn bowels and tennis club also goes against the ideals of what (I thought) the council/government held to be important.</p> <p>We are originally from Brisbane and moved here with our young family. This proposal makes us want go back to Brisbane, and pick one of the many lovely quiet suburbs that still exist there.</p> <p>I think this stadium is a knee jerk reaction. There are many other places that a stadium of that size would be more suitable to - I am not opposed to building a stadium in Toowoomba or the surrounds.</p> <p>What are the plans for the massive stadium afterwards?</p>
Genevieve	<p>These sporting grounds in the heart of Toowoomba opposite Queens Park are very well supported not only by events at the stadium but with the Bowls Club, Croquet Club and Tennis club. Many elderly people have been playing regularly at these clubs for many years and I am astounded to think that the government would tear down all these facilities for a single event such as the Olympics.</p> <p>We encourage our citizens to stay healthy by participating in physical activity in a social setting.</p> <p>How could the government even contemplate dislocating all these active social groups too ??where.....</p> <p>Any facilities for the Olympics should be built elsewhere such as on the western side of Toowoomba where there is more available land and already facilities that could be enlarged.</p> <p>We must stand up for our rights!!</p>
Stuart	<p>I agree with Garth, Qld Premier and Co should tell us "WHAT IS THE PLAN " ?</p>
Malcolm	<p>My concern is quite personal. The scoreboard at this sports facility is the Tom Allen Memorial scoreboard. Tom Allen was my uncle who played around 45 games for Qld in the 1930's as well as many games for Past Grammars & Toowoomba. In those days, my understanding is that this facility was largely a cricket oval. A number of years ago there were moves made to paint over Tom's name and change the name on the board. Thankfully enough voices spoke up against this proposal. I would be devastated if, in this proposed upgrade, my Uncle's name was taken off this board or the board was upgraded with no name applied.</p> <p>Common sense and logic says that a new facility should be built that has greater parking facilities etc and this facility should be kept for lesser sporting events that do not attract such large crowds.</p>
Charlotte	<p>Absolutely appalled by a non-consultative proposal to upgrade an infrequently used stadium. Detail of exactly what is proposed is necessary.</p> <p>Upgrading the stadium will present noise and traffic problems to local residents that will not be resolved by, but rather augmented, by removal of the existing club facilities, if that is the proposal. We know parking around Queens Park is difficult already but unless State Government is funding a multi storey car-park, I can't see any addition car parking at the existing stadium effectively solving this.</p> <p>Toowoomba Council will be over-riding its own heritage protections in the East Toowoomba neighbourhood if the century old bowling and tennis clubs are forced to close. "Rich traditions, bold ambitions" would be better served by a new stadium in a growth area of the region. Perhaps towards Highfields or out by the University. The latter does have the advantage of being on a decent transport route.</p> <p>Incidentally, if the stadium is renovated, are visitors from other regions expected to park locally during the olympics and if not, and they have to come up by bus, where are the buses parking?</p>
Barbara	<p>I do not support this proposal. Ridiculous to redevelop a site with no parking, restricted access, near a school and a place that has such a sentimental place in the hearts of residents due to the historic usage of this venue. We have wonderful alternatives! Highfields Sporting Complex has world class playing fields, parking and amenities. Just a complete waste of money!</p>

Shayne	<p>We live in a RESIDENTIAL AREA! Let me stress that once again for the governmental muppets who live in a lovely part of the world, where decisions such as these would never even be suggested and do not have to deal with this kind of thoughtless BS. Is it not enough that we must endure the Carnival Of Flowers in the park near our RESIDENTIAL AREA, when perfectly good showgrounds are underutilized? Is it not enough that we must endure the Food and Wine Festival in the park near our RESIDENTIAL AREA, and remove the empty beers that have been shoved in our hedge, or thrown at our dogs because they have barked at them stumbling back to their cars at midnight? Is it not enough that we have to put up with Saturday farmers markets EVERY Saturday, with the invasion of cars and people filling up our streets, and deciding that it's OK to park across our driveways, or park RIGHT on the corner of a T Junction so you can't see on-coming traffic when you want to venture out from our RESIDENTIAL AREA? And you know....despite the commonly held belief, we all DON'T enjoy picking up the used baby nappies that they leave in the gutters next to our house, because they lack not only simple environmental intelligence but the common courtesy and respect for our RESIDENTIAL AREA. Is it not enough that we already have to suffer through the endless noise of football games and other events at the Clive Berghoffer Stadium in our RESIDENTIAL AREA when a massive amount of sporting fields have been specially constructed out in Highfields, far enough away from our RESIDENTIAL AREA, and the RESIDENTIAL AREAS of Highfields?</p> <p>Do I oppose this re-development? Hell NO. In fact, tear the pointless eyesore down, and use the land for something other than an attraction for meathead buffoons. Is there not enough football grounds in this city??? How many do we really need? For me, ideally, NONE! Here is an idea.....why not use the land for HOUSES, cause, you know, after all, this is a RESIDENTIAL AREA! (Side note: Option number 4 below should either be "THE Stadium should be relocated." or "THEIR Stadium should be relocated.") Whatever it should be, the stadium must be torn down, as it has no place in a RESIDENTIAL AREA.</p>
Jane	<p>Currently, when there is a big event at QP or Berghofer Stadium, we get impacted with cars parking in our street. Some people park on our footpath and very close to our driveway. I am worried about the impact of traffic from an upgrade to the stadium. I would like to see a no parking zone from McKenzie St West, Margaret St north and Campbell St south at times of large crowds. I am not against the expansion, even though it will be a shame to see the Bowls club, Croquet Club and Tennis club go. Progression is always good so long as it is properly planned.</p>
Catherine	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why are these politicians trying to destroy two of the most wonderful sports clubs in Toowoomba? Where do they propose these clubs move? 2. Why turn a quaint stadium into a mega stadium that does not belong in a heavily populated inner city suburb? 3. Why not look to develop a stadium on a parcel of land elsewhere. It is not as though there is a dearth of land in Toowoomba and surrounding areas 4. Current noise levels on game days are already exhaustive. I can't fathom how intrusive the noise will be if the stadium capacity is to be doubled along with several thousand temporary seats for larger events 5. The proposed stadium upgrade poses a risk to neighbourhood children - many of whom walk and ride bikes around the streets. Parents have enough of a battle keeping them off screens and playing outside - increased traffic from out of town presents a risk for children to be injured or killed 6. Crime levels will increase
Jane	<p>I'd be happy to see the Olympics canned. PS maybe it could be plonked on the big block at Picnic Pt !</p>
Adrian	<p>This is great opportunity for Toowoomba and will benefit future generations. I believe if this is done the right way then the stadium at this sight will benefit Toowoomba immensely but can't be done at the expense of the existing users. I am a member of the tennis club, the oldest club in Queensland and there is significant history with all the users. These clubs need to be supported in their relocation to a site relevant to the local area. Sites exist close by that could support these uses.</p>
Catherine	<p>Hello, The proposed expansion is entirely inappropriate in its current location. We live at xx Godfrey street and with the stadium as it currently stands, noise is excessive. I do not understand why expansion is being considered in its current location. There is an abundance of land in the outskirts of Toowoomba which is where a major stadium should be developed.</p>
Peter	<p>I feel that because of future parking problems, any future sports arena should be built out of town. Charlton has been suggested and I support this.</p>
Diana	<p>I support the reasons given by our local Member, Mr Hamilton who has summed up my reactions perfectly.</p>
Lauren	<p>I didn't know there was a proposed upgrade why is it being upgraded and where is the funding coming from?</p>
Lauren	<p>Happy for the stadium to be upgraded but parking/transport is a real issue. Need to delegate a large carpark elsewhere for people to park and then get free buses to the stadium</p>
Lelia	<p>The streets surrounding Athletic Oval struggle with the traffic from current events at the Oval and/or Cobb & Co. While I support properly considered development that facility is not appropriate for further development. What is wrong with developing sporting fields at Glendale/Charlton. Selfishly I do want to be able to get a park on the street I live.</p>
Peter	<p>Dear Mr. Hamilton MP, I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed Toowoomba Sports Ground stadium upgrade. As a dedicated member of our community, I believe that this upgrade holds immense potential to not only elevate our local sports scene but also contribute significantly to the overall growth and development of our region. The Toowoomba Sports Ground has long been a hub for sporting events, uniting our community in the spirit of competition and camaraderie. The proposed upgrade presents a remarkable opportunity to take this tradition to new heights. By enhancing the stadium's facilities and capacity, we can attract larger sporting events and tournaments, drawing visitors from near and far to experience the vibrant atmosphere of our city. When considering the potential impact of this upgrade, it's worth noting the successes of stadiums like Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane and the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) in Melbourne. These iconic venues not only host world-class sporting events but also play a crucial role in fostering a sense of pride and identity within their respective communities. It is critical that a future sports stadium is incorporated into our CBR to provide this 'sporting heart' of the city. The proposed Toowoomba Sports Ground upgrade has the potential to become a similarly cherished landmark for our city, boosting tourism and bolstering our local economy. Moreover, it has to be noted that the overall site is large enough to accommodate a larger permanent stadium rather than relying on temporary seating solutions. A permanent structure would provide a stable foundation for hosting a diverse range of events, from sporting fixtures to cultural performances and concerts, making the stadium a true multi-purpose facility for our community. Only doing half a job for what could be a significant asset to our region seems a tragic waste of opportunity. I understand that some concerns have been raised regarding parking arrangements. However, I believe these concerns can be effectively addressed through thoughtful planning and coordination. Utilizing overflow parking in adjacent areas, such as Queens Park and the Tafe sporting ovals, seems like a practical solution that can help alleviate any potential parking challenges during major events. Combined with public transport options and active transport links (walking or e-mobility) would make this proposal not only viable but also an immense boost for business in the CBD. In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support the proposed Toowoomba Sports Ground stadium upgrade. I believe that this initiative has the potential to reshape our city's landscape, boost local pride, and stimulate economic growth. By investing in this upgrade, we are investing in the future of our community and providing our residents with a world-class facility to enjoy for generations to come. Thank you for your dedication to our community and your efforts to advance projects that enhance our city's quality of life. I trust that you will give due consideration to the overwhelming support for this initiative as you continue to serve our region. Sincerely,</p>

Wendy	It's a ridiculous idea. The Clive Berghofer Sports is now in the middle of suburbia! The congestion of traffic attempting to use access to the facility would be horrendous. What traffic feasibility reports have been undertaken? There are a number of medical premises in the area as well. School days its a nightmare with traffic from schools in the area. It is ridiculous to invest funds into a sporting facility which has reached its use by date. We'd be better investing into the new Sporting Facility planned by the Toowoomba Council and use the Clive Berghoffer Sporting Facility for more mid-upward medium density close to CBD.
Margaret	I am very concerned about the chosen area. Parking is a major issue. Public transport would need an enormous upgrade. I am unaware of decisions that I hope have been made, about how this facility will be used after the Olympics. This is extremely important. I strongly believe that our region needs a large indoor space (4 court maximum) that can be used by a variety of sports. I am heavily involved in Queensland Representative School Sport (30 plus years with 13 - 19 years netball). We are one of the very few regions in Queensland that do not have a facility like this that can hold State Championships. Netball, Basketball, Volleyball, Futsal..... we are very poorly resourced in this area. Our kids miss out. Keen to discuss my concerns at any time.
Robert	100 to150 minimum residents plus some visitors per week use the tennis, croquet and lawn bowls facilities. Bowls has been used and developed for over 100 years and is currently used by Qld State and Independent school Children during term time. It seems probable that these long standing important developmental, competitive and social areas will be sacrificed for an expensive, little used and short-term single-use arena. Please do not allow egos to override common sense.
John	Any major stadium of 12,000 to 20,000 seats needs to have access for that number of people. This means a rail station as cars and busses can not handle large numbers. This was repeatedly born out after the Sydney olympics. As there is no light rail in Toowoomba, the stadium must be built where there is parking for at least 100 busses. Maybe Highfields would be better or the Southern Cross field with parking area in Horn Park
Shayne	I am flummoxed as to why our local RESIDENTIAL area needs to be flooded with more people and events that impact on where we live. Do we get a quiet weekend at home? Nope....we have to suffer Saturday Farmers Markets at Cobb and Co, with stupid muppets parking on the corners, and across our driveway, making it incredibly unsafe. Then, we have to put up with the noise of football games from the stadium. Then at carnival time, all of the noise and congestion problems that come with that painful yearly event. And of course, we have to put up with Tradies who modify their utes to emit extra loud exhaust noises up and down Mary Street at 6am in the morning as they head off to work.. We don't need any more crap/people/noise/congestion/muppets in our backyard thanks. And you know what? We pay EXTRA rates because of where we live. We pay extra to be annoyed. If we moved all of these events into other neighbourhoods, I can guarantee you that the people living there would complain bitterly. We have a perfectly good and LARGE showground! Why is THAT not used for these events? And if we are taking sports, call me crazy, but why on earth are they not using those huge sports fields out in Highfields???? Seems like the perfect location for Commonwealth/Olympic games. And why does the government spend money on sporting arenas, and other sport related crap when 58% of the population don't even play regular sports. Where is the money for creative arts? Bottom line, I have sat quietly for far too long about the overgrowth of our city, and the mismanagement of our roads, infrastructure and child-like decision-making processes that have gone into making Toowoomba Australia's most UNLIVEABLE city and I've had an absolute gut-full. And, don't get me started on the city's love of traffic lights, and hatred of roundabouts. Heaven forbid we should have good traffic flow!
Jane	Thanks. I attended the meeting last Wednesday as a member of the Range Tennis Club. I love Toowoomba and want it to grow but not at the expense of our Club which has recently experienced a massive growth in membership which needs to be supported. However I am worried that if there is enough opposition to the Stadium in its current format then the allocated money will simply be allocated elsewhere as Toowoomba will be considered too hard which would hinder the sport facilities growth immeasurably. Some alternatives: 1. Leave everything as it is and allocate the money to replacing Milne Bay Pool which when built I have been led to believe was designed just below official size and standards which prohibits official State competition and/or swim times to be recognised. Apart from that is it outdated. 2. Move Range Tennis to the TAFE area and give us a few extra courts. Our existing grounds could then be absorbed by the new stadium, 3. Source an alternative site for the stadium. The existing Milne Bay Pool site would be ideal. That would allow the tennis, bowls and croquet clubs to expand with any excess land being used for parking which is sorely needed in that vicinity and also allow a modern pool facility to be built. Swimming caters to people of all ages, abilities and financial means. 4. I am not suggesting that a stadium is not needed for Toowoomba but as we have no direct access to the national competition for any type of football, as we not the home base for any of those teams it seems odd. If Toowoomba is being compared to Townsville it has to be acknowledged that Townsville has its own NRL team so comparison is very uneven. If a new stadium is built will it be a white elephant? Will rate payers be footing the ongoing maintenance for something that is under utilised? 5. I have ticked multiple boxes below as I want the money to come to Toowoomba, just not necessarily as currently proposed.
Rob	As the owner of a residential property in Alice St, adjacent to the Toowoomba Sports Ground, I have significant concerns regarding the proposed upgrade to this facility. While I think it would be beneficial for a city of Toowoomba's growing population and stature to have a significant stadium where major sporting events, concerts etc. could be hosted, the lack of major arterial transport options to service this area makes the choice of upgrading the sports ground illogical and unfeasible. This is an important, heritage residential area which struggles to cope with existing demands during special events (such as hosting NRL games, the Food and Wine Festival etc.) To exponentially increase the capacity of the stadium at this location does not make sense. The lack of consultation or published detail regarding the proposal is a major concern. It is essential that the people of Toowoomba and specifically, those who are invested in this area of East Toowoomba through residences or involvement in the existing sporting bodies and the local primary school, have the opportunity to play a genuine and meaningful role as stakeholders.
Joanne	Alternative sites where existing arterial access is sufficient (or that could be readily upgraded) make far more sense for this project. We look forward to being included in further discussions regarding this proposal.
Camilla	There are several large schools in East Toowoomba including a TAFE college so traffic is problematic as it is. The heritage homes and Queens Park are a major tourist attraction, a stadium will spoil the look and feel of this. What is to happen to the Bowls Club, the Croquet Club and the Tennis Club? For a few weeks of minor Olympic Games this appears to be insane. With schools in close proximity what will happen traffic-wise. Deeply worrying that three sports facilities could be destroyed for a couple of weeks of horribly expensive Olympics.
Jo	I am hoping to make the meeting. However I could be late. Due to family funeral. Very disappointed about the lack of community consultation on the process. Why don't they build it next to the event precinct at Wellcamp ? The accommodation is already there!! Already parking issues and traffic congestion when used now. Fabulous space as it is. Old buildings / croquet/ bowling green/ tennis sheds/ courts. Need to see plans.
Paul	The community amenity (tennis, bowls & croquet) should not be collateral damage to the Sports Ground redevelopment.

	<p>Garth, you have raised some great questions above which all need to be fully considered.</p> <p>As a local East Toowoomba resident living on an adjoining street to the stadium, I fully would support the redevelopment of the stadium provided it provides long term benefits to our community.</p> <p>As a spectator and user of public transport at the Sydney Olympics in 2000 and the GC Commonwealth Games in 2018, parking and transport were most important to easing congestion around event sites.</p> <p>This will be critical as we can't create more parking around the stadium. However, if spectators travel to an off site car park (eg Showgrounds, USQ), then bus shuttles are best used to transport people to and from events.</p> <p>The stadium has held some terrific events in the past and is a great atmosphere for watching sport. Temporary traffic restrictions would also assist managing congestion on event dates.</p> <p>On a side note, there needs to be a footpath on at least one side of Alice St, East Toowoomba. I have raised this with local council and many local neighbours have signed a petition. Unfortunately, this is only categorised as a 'medium' priority and there's not enough funding to prioritise it further.</p> <p>This would provide a safer passage for both spectators parking in Alice St and also local residents who currently walk on the street and not on the nature strip. I see women and their children walking (towards Toowoomba East State school or Mater Dei Catholic School) with prams and scooters on the road as there is no footpath which poses many risks to themselves and vehicles.</p>
Damian	I would be interested in hearing more about the proposals
Margaret	<p>This development definitely should not be allowed to go ahead. To override the Tennis Club, The Bowls Club & the Croquet Club would be disastrous. These clubs have been there for decades & deserve to be retained. It would be a prohibitive cost for them to relocate so they would probably have to close down altogether. Their current location is so central & convenient for the majority of Toowoomba residents so a new location (if one could be found) would probably be well out of town & most inconvenient. The majority of members of the bowls & croquet clubs are elderly so need the convenience of this central location.</p> <p>To make the changes that are being proposed for one event, namely the olympics, is sheer lunacy & a disgraceful waste of money. If the football stadium need to expand they should be the ones relocating & not forcing three other very popular clubs to be forced out.</p> <p>As the Olympic Committee have not even committed to holding events in Toowoomba this redevelopment proposal would be a total white elephant. While a new stadium would be an asset for Toowoomba it needs to be a new site in a different location.</p>
Francis	I have no objections to development of the Athletic Oval, although enlargement will be wasted after the olympics. I would object to any interference to the bowling greens and club house, if that is also proposed. Parking for any Olympic game/ games could be best achieved by cordoning off a part of the QueensPark along Lindsay Street on a temporary basis
Alan	I learnt today 9/8 there is a possible upgrade of the stadium primarily for the Olympics. From the comments i have heard today it will be used for one main event at the Olympics. But and this is the concern, the words i heard today they will be ripping up our bowls club and the croquet club to put in parking. How can this benefit the community. Just push the retirees into the street to fend for themselves. So a few elites can have their day in the sun for one day. It does not make sense and seems to be a strange decision if it is true when we are dealing with people's well being. Why not have temporary parking in Queen's park for the event. If this is true then it is the ultimate arrogance and overreach of government..
Alan	I learnt today 9/8 there is a possible upgrade of the stadium primarily for the Olympics. From the comments i have heard today it will be used for one main event at the Olympics. But and this is the concern, the words i heard today they will be ripping up our bowls club and the croquet club to put in parking. How can this benefit the community. Just push the retirees into the street to fend for themselves. So a few elites can have their day in the sun for one day. It does not make sense and seems to be a strange decision if it is true when we are dealing with people's well being. Why not have temporary parking in Queen's park for the event. If this is true then it is the ultimate arrogance and overreach of government..
William	Proposed and that's all it is , the site hasn't been confirmed as a venue as yet unless you know something we don't.. It's nine years away and you can't help yourself having a crack at the Labour Party ,thats why your forum is just a political stunt. ,if the LNP make government next year how would they handle it ? yes they would be still knocking on the door of the Federal government for funds.Stick to your inland rail because that's not going any where. By the time they have up graded the Gabba and knocked down houses and the school there might not be any funds left . What will you be doing in nine years time ? certainly not the minister for groom .
Diane	<p>I am a member of Toowoomb Bowls Club in Lindsay Street.</p> <p>There is neither room on existing streets for heavy bus and vehicular traffic, or any potential off-street parking in the area, that does not abolish existing community facilities, which are a large Primary State School, Toowoomba Queens Park and Botanic Gardens, Croquet grounds and Club, tennis courts and club, and bowling club and lawn greens.We are also talking about a heritage listed suburb of significance. Carnival of Flowers festival saturates the existing streets in the vicinity every September, with cars and buses and avoidance of this particular area a necessity on some days when activities are scheduled either in our Park, or stadium.</p> <p>The redevelopment would be a disaster for all those facilities, and should be constructed elsewhere.</p> <p>A possible site could be adjacent to our Wellcamp airport, where there is spare land to be developed and intercity transportation close by with potential room for further development such as shopping, accommodation in the immediate area between Hursley Road and the airport.</p> <p>Sincerely, Diane vZ</p>
Diana	<p>I don't believe a huge stadium situated there will be encompassing the character of the area.</p> <p>Our magnificent gardens, historical houses and the general Garden City atmosphere is what visitors come to expect of Toowoomba.</p> <p>Will they rip up Queens Park to accommodate the massive transport system required to feed this proposed huge white elephant?</p> <p>There are large tracts of land surrounding Toowoomba that is already owned by the Governments. Please let common sense prevail and just give our Sports Centre a tidy up and allow it to reflect the many sports persons who enriched its history.</p>
Alistair	<p>This limited information is the first I've heard about this. It is vital that local residents are provided if information and plans to provide feedback.</p> <p>Nothing should proceed without input and approval from local community.</p>
John	<p>I agree with upgrades to be made to the stadium. However, these should not include any changes to the footprint that may encroach nearby facilities such as the tennis, bowls and croquet facilities.</p> <p>Say the upgrade was a capacity of 5000 it would be good to maintain the location as the events add to the atmosphere of the area. However as we know parking is always an issue either events in central Toowoomba with limited public transport options. So if regular events are to be held then there needs to be a realistic option to park and shuttle patrons to events.</p>
Gael	<p>Has the parking issue been addressed in the proposal to redevelop the stadium?</p> <p>The stadium needs to be relocated where there is adequate lane available. Maybe one location could be near the airport which might also encourage additional are traffic.</p>
Deborah	As noted, upgrades are beneficial. If infrastructure and services to support this upgrade are not considered impacts to East Toowoomba will be big and adjacent property values will decrease. Impacts of both noise and traffic increase annually and the grounds are probably not be utilised to their full extent with various Council restrictions in place. I believe the Stadium would be better off being relocated. The potential to host Olympic "overflow" should also be considered.
Paula	If it increases rates, or makes the cost of court hire then no.
Jan	
Christie	<p>I was not aware of the redevelopment.</p> <p>I am concerned for the future community of Toowoomba. Once something is taken away, it can never be replaced. The redevelopment must benefit the community moving forward into the future. I would hate to see the space turned into a carpark.</p> <p>I would like further information about the redevelopment.</p>
Mark	I see your comments to Kerry Shine regarding the railway parklands development as well. Has it been considered the stadium and parklands should the one project. If you look at the most successful stadiums around the world they are in the heart of the city in walking distance to restaurants and accomodation. Talk of Wellcamp and Charlton stadiums would come with extra costs of infrastructure. The Clive Berghofer stadium should remain but let's think about something new and exciting that could also accommodate concerts and other entertainment besides football.
Melissa	<p>The proposed redevelopment of colocated sports grounds on Lyndsay St will increase traffic and congestion in an already highly used area. These club facilities allow local access to grass roots sports clubs. They are not high performance centres. I have empathy for the residents who are parked in during Carnival of Flowers and other events at the Botanic Gardens and Queens Park.</p> <p>The planning for Toowoomba City does not cater for higher density events and NEW purpose built facilities which cater for male and female athletes separately and those with disability with performance training centres, which are accessible by major transport corridors are needed to support growth on the downs.</p> <p>Ideally, this would support multiple sports, including 8x basketball, 8x soccer, 8x rugby, AFL, 8x tennis, club house, storage, parking and performance training facilities, including weights, aerobic and sports medicine.</p>
Greg	The redevelopment could work, but the location is a bit too small and has no real scope for future development either. I support the idea of a relocated stadium, but please keep it within the city limits! Anyone who has been to a game at Suncorp Stadium will tell you that a big part of the game day experience is having a meal or a beer close by before the game and then walking to the stadium. On that note, I think it would be better to keep any new stadium served by public transport rather than acres of parking spaces that barely get used apart from game days. Thinking further ahead, this could mean building near the existing rail lines in town. They could become busways once the inland rail makes them redundant. Two sites that spring to mind are the South Street sale yards, or North Toowoomba Park. Each of these sites have enough space for a boutique stadium and the surrounding areas are also ripe for supportive developments.

Peter	<p>Best grounds in swq Needs to be bigger so we can attract big sporting agents to our area to give our kids access to seeing the hero's without always having to drive to Brisbane. Also we need a multi sports facility for our rep teams Not one of our rep teams has there home grounds. Not football, rugby, rugby league, netball, basketball. This is not good enough so many of our talented athletes have to move to Brisbane just so they can make teams this has to stop. We need a sports precinct for our kids to play and train. All at one big facility this is a must!!!</p>
Lenny	<p>Hello Garth, I've been employed at the Toowoomba Bowls Club. During this time I've seen many startling inconsistencies between the fences. On our side of the fence, the Bowls Club side, we have club members/bowlers accessing our greens every day at different times to roll up, socially engage, and volunteer. Our club has 4 playing days every week. On weekends starting on Friday nights right through to Sunday, local residents club members and the Toowoomba community can access our club, it's greens and it's bar. Making the Toowoomba Bowls club the hub of the local community. We work very hard to make ends meet and we are a not for profit volunteer run sporting club.</p> <p>On the other side of the fence it's the complete opposite. The Toowoomba Sportsground has very limited use, not only weekly, but monthly and yearly. It must be running at a horrendous loss to our government and tax payers. What does one expect when there is a pathetic Labour State and Federal government in office.</p>
Andrew	Toowoomba does need a larger stadium but not in the middle of a residential area. It will be disastrous for the residence due to increased traffic and parking needs.
Andrew	<p>Good afternoon Mr Hamilton, I am for expansion but the biggest sticking point is that of parking very limited especially around Carnival Flowers that's when most of the finals are played and most weekends when they have markets on at Cob and Co. Understand the nature of making facilities better and more accommodating it's just so much limited parking I myself play bowls and many times cannot get a park near the bowls club on a Saturday as with sport and markets and visitors to our famed parks and gardens. If the parking is fixed then go ahead with expansion but if it cannot be rectified then I oppose the expansion.</p>
Clint	The stadium should remain as it is and be used for local junior games and competitions. The historical significance of the current site is significant to Toowoomba. A new stadium needs to be built in a position where there is adequate parking and transportation services.
Sam	I think a proper management plan on the proposed space and the effect it will have on the surrounding infrastructure is important, the area around the sport stadium is already struggling
Glen	<p>It sounds like a good idea but not at the cost of the local amenity.</p> <p>Meaningful mitigation strategies are key as is engaging with local residents.</p> <p>This is akin to the proposed Bridge St quarry development and mountain bike master plan ... no real engagement with locals and seemingly no thought about impact on amenity. I'd be interested to hear where you stand on this issue Garth.</p>
Rob	I am concerned that any significant upgrade to the capacity of the CB stadium will have a significant and negative impact on my house in Alice Street and East Toowoomba in general. It's current capacity is commensurate with it's urban residential setting, but a complex with greater capacity would be more appropriately sited on the outskirts of Toowoomba. The roads and parking in the vicinity of CB Stadium are not remotely capable of handling a large capacity venue.
Terry	<p>The best location is on the railway land adjacent the Goods Shed and Bunnings. The proposal would be to join the east and west sections of Campbell Street by bridging over the railway yards from close to Ruthven Street over to the other side bridging over all the railway lines. From that podium, there would be entry to a stadium. The playing field could be located at ground level once the disused railway lines are removed. The creek corridor can be easily clear and upgraded and maintained and the Oval and dressing room levels would be above Creek level and any known flood levels. Having been an engineer involved in such projects as the Toowoomba Showgrounds, Clifford Park racecourse, Gold Coast racecourse, Wellcamp airport The Goods Shed and other large infrastructure projects here I understand the value of a dollar and the feasibility involved. This investment in Toowoomba needs to be targeted for maximum benefit. By integrating, used rail lines and this large area of land in the centre of the CBD we can activate the city centre and provide cross city access for pedestrians and service vehicles. I do have a layout plan, which was prepared by a local architect to scale which demonstrates to me the functionality of such an investment. In this way, car parking, public, nuisance, public, access, amenability, and reactivation of the CBD can be achieved by concentrating on a single significant city project for public benefit, public transport, entertainment, and general activation of the CBD transitioning from the old layout - the very important transport hub that the railway yards constituted. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity to utilise. our beautiful rail way which could then involve rail motors running through the city under the podium area to the new hospital to Gowrie Junction even the airport in the future. I'm happy to discuss this with you personally and to join in a bipartisan approach for the good of Toowoomba for future generations. Garth, I would really like to talk with you and happy to contribute with the experience and knowledges gained as Kehoe Myers Consulting Engineers. This project is virtually a clean sheet to work with in the centre of the city. The Toowoomba sports centre in Mary Street proposal. Is not logical and introduces many problems and costs beyond just building the stadium.</p> <p>kind regards Terry Kehoe</p>
Bobbie	I own a house on Alice St and am concerned about traffic, parking and noise in this very family-oriented street.
Richard	<p>An upgraded stadium would be a valuable asset for Toowoomba but the existing sports complex should be left as it is. For people who play bowls, tennis and croquet the existing facilities are used and valued. The same can be said for the football stadium. Parking is already limited and a major issue. An upgraded stadium would be much worse. As a resident of East Toowoomba traffic congestion is already a problem. A new purpose built stadium would be a valuable asset to Toowoomba however it would best be located on a new greenfield site on the western fringes of the city with adequate parking and supported with public transport. It could also cater for a wide range of functions</p>
Glenn	What is happening to the toowoomba bowls club, tennis club and croquet club?
Renarda	<p>Parking is already an issue for any event held at the stadium or even just on a sunny weekend with people at the park. I am not opposed to an upgraded stadium but it needs to be located in a sporting precinct not in the centre of town in a residential area.</p>
Elizabeth	<p>Toowoomba bowls club is one of the oldest if not oldest bowls club in Qld. It would be tragedy for Toowoomba if they removed it for an Olympic stadium which would like dormant. There is not enough parking around there and being across the road from our beautiful gardens would spoil Toowoomba. Tourism would be dramatically affected most especially spring time carnival of flowers. One of the most important points is that the club has the photos of every president of the club since it began in 1907. Sir Groom is number one. The very seat Toowoomba sits in. Many streets are named after many of these members. If you think the primary school is important in Woolloongabba, this is even more important to the history of Qld and Toowoomba. Don't get rid of the Croquet club. Or tennis club and the bowls club for a temporarily used stadium. The parking can't handle what does go on there already.</p>
Betty	<p>As president of the Toowoomba Croquet Club, we are very concerned about the proposed development. Our club has been in existence at the current site since 1903. 120 years. Any extension of the current stadium will have a negative effect on our club and grounds. that is, it will have to go. Where will we go? the area of land needed will be very expensive (we do not have the money to buy any) and a long way out of town. Currently we are very central to all our members, who are all quite elderly. Secondly, should the extension go ahead, where is parking proposed, it is already tight in that area.</p>
John	<p>I am a member of the Toowoomba Bowls Club which is contained within the State Government owned Toowoomba Sports Ground precinct. The Club has been in this location for in excess of 120 years. As I understand it, the Government has not and will not renew the Club's lease for periods of more than 3 years at a time. With such a short tenure it is difficult to plan for the future, particularly with the uncertainty associated with the rumored upgrade to the Clive Berghofer Stadium that has been circulating in recent years without any concrete plans for such redevelopment. The Bowls, Tennis and Croquet Clubs within the Sports Ground precinct all provide well used Sport and Recreation facilities within the Toowoomba Region and have done so for many decades and could not easily be replaced given the reduced compensation that would be applicable to such short tenure leasehold interests. The amenity of East Toowoomba would be severely affected as a result of increased traffic and parking issues that a larger Stadium with potentially greater usage would create. Parking in the area is already at a premium on Saturdays with the markets at Cobb & Co and at various other time with activities in Queens Park particularly Carnival of Flowers.</p>
Christina	As someone who lives basically at the intersection of Mary and Arthur it's a disaster during pickup and drop off times for Toowoomba East State School now I can only imagine how difficult it will be to navigate the area if there's a large stadium upgrade. There isn't enough parking, where will all these people coming to these events park? We specifically bought in this area because of the tree lined streets and other than Carnival of Flowers it's pretty quiet. Our family is members of the Tennis Club and the Bowls Club and I can not even begin to tell you what an important part of the community both organizations are and losing them to upgrades would be devastating.
Kevin	<p>The Toowoomba Bowls Club is by far the most dynamic and best managed lawn bowls club in Toowoomba. There is only one Toowoomba Bowls Club, but the world is littered with white elephant sports stadiums. East Toowoomba is a very built up area in Toowoomba, put it somewhere else, if it must be.</p>

	The stadium should be relocated to a much larger block of land with much better transport and parking. Long term the land needs to be six or eight times the size of the present land and buildings.
Ray	What happens to the bowls club and tennis club and other sporting clubs in the area. Parking is a major problem now without any further development.
Richard	I am a lifetime resident of East Toowoomba (70 years) and a member of the Toowoomba Bowls Club. I am firmly against any stadium redevelopment if it will negatively impact on the bowls, croquet and tennis facilities in this historic sports precinct. With an aging population, these types of facilities need to be protected for the benefit of the entire community, not just youthful sports. Also, I believe the visual and historical aesthetics of the neighbourhood and nearby parkland need to be protected. I feel the redevelopment funding should be directed to a new sporting complex on the western outskirts of Toowoomba where space is available and parking can be catered for. Let's face it, Toowoomba's future population growth can only move anywhere but near East Toowoomba.
Patricia	Toowoomba Sports Ground, the Tennis Club Courts and the Toowoomba Bowls greens and facilities are all well used by a range of citizens. There is no need to upgrade these facilities. They are kept in good condition by the current caretakers.
Alan	Although Toowoomba has a real need for a larger stadium this location is absolutely not the best option. The location of schools, the lack of parking, the residents/homes and other sporting facilities within close proximity would be adversely affected. There is no doubt it would be a disaster.
Somerville	Please leave it as it is. I feel it would destroy the charm the area now has and always has had. We certainly do not need more brutalist modernity.
Michael	An important aspect of the current Council town plan is to preserve the Heritage environment of areas around this stadium in East Toowoomba. We get many visitors to Toowoomba who come to specifically experience this beautiful area. To expand the stadium capacity, building car parks, creating traffic congestion and everything else that will impact the area would be completely against the intent of the town plan. This is a totally inappropriate development idea for the area and should be resisted. It would be far better to develop a bigger facility away from suburban areas, maybe west of the city near the show grounds. Surely there is suitable land somewhere. It is likely to also be cheaper than building inner suburban land, being a lot easier to construct and with a lot smaller impact.
Jane	As a person who grew up on Arthur street the stadium was great but as Toowoomba is growing it really does not suit the area. Agree Charlton is the place to go we need to invest in one major sporting area and make it attractive and inviting. The current area should be for housing- lot a lifestyle village like the ninth - keep the lawn bowls it's fantastic. This frees up homes retirees might sell to move to an area they like. So much demand for lifestyle and security. Name the area at Charlton after Clive.
Cindy	What are they proposing? What do you mean by the last multiple choice statement? It doesn't make sense.
Kristal	Toowoomba needs a larger sporting stadium to accommodate larger crowds and more parking. Toowoomba needs a designated sporting complex for its Premier League teams who currently have no home ground. Redeveloping the current stadium would not be ideal for residents in surrounding streets given the lack of parking. The stadium should be relocated.
Daniel	A redevelopment of this stadium in this part of town is ridiculous. A ground that is being proposed with the facilities needed should be built in another part of town or on the edge of town in a sporting precinct, with room for expansion and/ or other training ovals around it that can be used for training and carnivals for all sports and all ages long into the future, as these works would only be a temporary fix, throwing good money after bad which governments are known for. There is no parking in East Toowoomba for this redevelopment plan. Expansion will also kill off the adjoining bowls club, tennis club and croquet club that are just as entitled to have a redevelopment of their own. These tennis, bowls and croquet clubs have been part of this existing precinct for just as long, providing much needed sport and mental health to retirees, veterans and many others in the community on a daily basis for many, many years.
Dianne	Build a new stadium out at Charlton where there is more room to build a bigger stadium with all the support structures and needs can be accommodated. Better access for parking, public transport could be connected. Area around Current Clive Berghofer Stadium is residential and those residents' rights need to be considered.
John	If the site is redeveloped it must include additional parking. Recent council approvals to allow house blocks to be split for multiple units continues to increase density in the area along with the surrounding pressures on traffic management from adjacent schools and Tafe. The best outcome for the area would be to use the site to complement the existing recreational facilities already there and build a purpose built facility on a greenfield site.
Fiona	Until much more information is available it's hard to know what they are planning. I would have thought the area of the stadium is already at maximum capacity.
Andrew	I look forward to more information being made available.
Heather	I don't support this at all. Why can't they look at upgrading things for track and field side of things. I have and child and know of other children that have to travel to Brisbane regularly to do training for track and field things. Don't even start me on the kids that have travel further then Toowoomba to go to Brisbane for this as well. Why don't they look at something like that would benefit so more kids and also people from other regions. Which would bring more people to Toowoomba. It seems that a lot of the time they to focused of football there are other sports out there. The parking if they did that there is just terrible now upgrading would make it so much worse. I really hope the council does listen and does not just think of a small group that it would benefit look at long term the benefits of putting not in the centre of town and making a more effective stadium outside city centre
Robert	Build a new complex at Charlton. And leave the present one alone. Build a stadium like the one in Townsville and we would get more big sporting events and maybe large concerts with top entertainers and boost Toowoombas economy in years ahead. Get with the times and think of the future. When it's built make sure there's ample parking for cars and coaches. We have the airport nearby at Wellcamp for visitors flying in and make it convenient for visitors out west to travel. Labour just want a quick fix to try and gain votes.
Michael	<p>AI write to you President of S , one of a few regular tenants of Clive Berghoffer Stadium.</p> <p>Our club would like to ensure that we continue to have access to the following after any proposed development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - high quality playing surface - 4 change rooms - referees room - store rooms - media room with access to quality PA system and electronic scoreboard - conference / meeting room - can bar (allows us to Generate income) <p>We would like the following additions to be included in any redevelopment and remain after olympics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - dugouts for players on bench (currently we use two 3x3 portable marquees) - training / warm up space for players warming up while game is on the main pitch - office space for lease (this can generate income) <p>For the stadium that can help to reduce the usage costs for user groups. It is expensive to hire and there is a concern that the redevelopment will increase the cost beyond our capacity to pay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - office space could be made available to local sporting organisations to share. It could be the hub for many sporting clubs from the Toowoomba area. <p>The current stadium meets almost all Of our needs for our senior teams. It is too Expensive to hire for Junior games however our juniors love playing there.</p> <p>From a personal perspective, I would support any actions that would fast track the development of the Charlton sporting complex as SWQ Thunder is listed as a priority tenant of stage 1 (rectangular fields) of this complex. We are the representative club of the DD & SW region And our club does not have a home Ground to call our home.</p> <p>-</p>

Alexander	<p>Would prefer to see a 20000 seater oval stadium built at frogs hollow. Close to to eat street. Multi level parking could be provided along chalk drive linking to railway yard development. Stadium could be used for sports, concerts, festivals (food and wine etc). Parking could be utilised by city workerrs uring the week.</p> <p>Would really add to the mini melbourne feel of toowoomba. Imagine pre game/post game being within walking distance of restaurants, bars, accomodation. Spend the money their instead. Its state government land and sports wouldnt have to deal with the difficult managers of the athletic oval.</p>
James	<p>Hello Mr Hamilton, if a proposed upgrade is to go ahead a decision should be made post haste and let the Toowoomba Bowls Club one of their leasees know of the time frame of this proposal.</p> <p>You may be aware or unaware that bowls clubs in general are having major problems in regards to remaining financially viable.</p> <p>North Toowoomba Bowls Club is a club struggling to remain viable and who would welcome Toowoomba Bowls Club to use Norths facilities but Toowoomba Bowls Club would need certainty in regards to the time frame regarding their lease.</p> <p>Myself and all members of the North Toowoomba club do have a vested interest in knowing when this proposed development may proceed as we hope to be able to continue bowling at North Toowoomba for years to come. Regards Jim Williams.</p>
David	<p>Redeveloping the Mary St Stadium is just wasteful. There will be demolition and refurbishment costs as opposed to a cheaper new build.</p> <p>Highfields Sports fields is the perfect location. It has a field the size of the MCG and is a blank canvas waiting to be painted upon.</p> <p>Unlike Mary St, accommodation could be made for thousands of cars on the adjoining fields and surrounding properties.</p> <p>Using Mary St as a venue is just going to clog central Toowoomba with traffic and annoy patrons and residents alike.</p> <p>Some people don't want it redeveloped because of its history in the Toowoomba football community. Also the redevelopment will significantly impact upon the community of the East State Primary across the road for several years.</p> <p>It's the right size for local games now and making it bigger will not enhance its appeal.</p> <p>The current proposal makes no sense.</p>
Denis	I live 100 m away from the oval, have never been put out from the noise, have also played a lot of football there, very handy location, just look at Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane best ground in the world and best position, so handy to everything, what is wrong with all you people.
Peter	<p>I believe the money could be better spent on a new ground outside the inner city precinct. The space available would still only build one field, and no real warm-up areas. Currently teams use the school on the opposite side of the road to warm up, will this change?</p> <p>There is never enough parking, especially with Queens park opposite the grounds. If there is an event on at Queens Park and also at the grounds, parking is impossible. It really must be a pain for local residents. As for public transport, that will never work. The only way it would work is to have parking at another location and bus to and from, this is just not sustainable. Toowoomba has truly out grown the field, time to move outside the inner city.</p>
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Nigel	<p>It is essential that Toowoomba has a boutique Stadium that can attract numerous activities and events. The Bowls, Croquet and Tennis precinct needs to relocate to Queens Park.</p> <p>The current location is perfect and if designed correctly then the precinct can bring a huge range of events and opportunities to the region.</p> <p>With outstanding street side parking and such a close proximity to the CBD, we are blessed to have this opportunity. Out of town venues are disastrous from an economic perspective and this significant upgrade will add to the richness of Toowoomba. East Toowoomba does not get to pick and choose what is right for the City. This is a project for the region and should seen as an opportunity for the good of the whole community and not a political battle for the rich or influential.</p>
Hawes	I prefer a new ground to be built rather than spoil the Toowoomba Bowls Club
Amanda	No upgrade to the Stadium. Preserve the historic Toowoomba bowls Club, range tennis club and croquet club.
Hanna	There isn't enough parking or transport to the stadium for it to be a long term viable solution in East Toowoomba
Shane	Why not build a new stadium at captain cook ovals in mac Gregor Street plenty of parking and public transport plus plenty other fields for warm ups for teams
Graham	<p>I believe we should be looking at a new facility on the western side of toowoomba.</p> <p>The sportsground is surrounded by residential housing and their is limited parking.</p> <p>I hear they want to remove the Range Tennis Courts, I guess the Bowls Club would be next.</p> <p>These venues would never be replaced to the detriment of Toowoomba</p>
Nic	If you google "qld crime map" you will see that the YWCA opposite the stadium (corner of Mary and Arthur) is a crime hotspot. This is next to a primary school and in one of Toowoomba's premier locations. There may be opportunity for a redevelopment to address this issue.
Merv	Garth, where can I see a copy of what is proposed
John	<p>The ridiculous amount of money already spent on that Stadium with no parking is Criminal. It would have been so much better spent on grounds on the outskirts of Toowoomba with a decent car park that we could be so proud of. To invest another ridiculous amount of money on it would be a crying shame. There are a lot of good sites that could be developed on the outskirts of Toowoomba one in particular being the old Newtown Football grounds which is currently owned by a Gold Coast Company, still no development there, ripe for the picking. It consists of 10 acres plus another 5 Acres next to it, an excellent opportunity to make something worthwhile.</p>
Dee	I live in Arthur Street. We value the historical elements of this sporting complex and weren't happy with the removal of E.S. Brown's legacy in the past. Would hate to see croquet, tennis or bowls clubs being removed. Currently the street is at maximum capacity for parking when events are on at the stadium. It's a residential street, established in 1875, and we don't need any further development. Our history needs to be preserved.
Greg	
Malcolm	Although costly, if we're truly looking into the future needs of a growing city, a new stadium should be built. One that accommodates a greater number of spectators along with all of the necessary infrastructure such as parking as well as public transport infrastructure. If this was done, the present Clive Berghofer stadium could then be turned back into a picturesque cricket oval which could also accommodate sports which attract smaller crowds where parking requirements wouldn't interfere with local residents. I'm sure you're aware that this oval, once called the Athletic Oval, was the major cricket oval and the Tom Allen Memorial scoreboard was in memory of my late uncle.
Tony	Do these people know where the stadium is?? Apart from the fact the money should be directed into a new hospital, housing, infrastructure or alike. If they need a stadium at least build a new one where the infrastructure can support it.
Maree	Leave that stadium where it is and develop a better bigger stadium where there is room for appropriate parking, public transport and to mitigate noise pollution.
Gerard	Why not consider upgrading suburban grounds on the Downs. So many venues can used weekly across the region that are on a sub par level.
James	In my opinion, the existing stadium is in no way suitable for rebuilding, enlarging etc as the lack of parking will always be a problem there and the noise level will bring complaints. We have land available out past the Showgrounds, or near Wellcamp that would be suitable for the use of a stadium and would fit in with plans that Wagners have if they ever build their racecourse
Nic	Bizarre location for a major stadium. Leave it as is for local schools and comps and build elsewhere.
Gordon	<p>Relocate the bowls club, build a training/excellence centre, and potentially a sports club which can provide revenue to the Western Chlydstales - the same way the Dolphins and Tigers have large clubs which provide them significant revenue and have supported them in their bids for the NRL.</p> <p>The stadium needs to stay where it is. It is in the perfect location, close to town so people can walk into the CBD after the game - just like Suncorp in Brisbane. It should support at least 15,000 permanent seats.</p>
Susan	Too much impact in residential area Re traffic, parking, congestion.
Gary	I vote no to the redevelopment
Deborah	It is impossible to provide informed feedback when we are not provided with plans, a feasibility statement, and impact statements. First reaction is to say "No" to a larger stadium in a residential area. I would like to see other alternative sites explored. I would also have liked to see proof reading of your survey before it became public - see fourth option below.
Anthony	The stadium needs to be moved to an area that doesn't impact on residences, has more parking available, constructed from scratch and can be made bigger as required over time. The current berghoffer stadium can stay as it is for local clubs to enjoy, but it's time toowoomba caught up to other region s in Qld and had a stand alone venue for big games.
Peter	A new stadium needs to house an athletics track. Vital for the region and development of youth and masters level sports for the building blocks of any sports training.
Bobbie	<p>Extra traffic, noise, lack of parking and any sacrifice to the character of the area are of concern to me. I own a house in Alice St and this little street is already often utilised for parking for events at the stadium, causing congestion in the street.</p> <p>Additional traffic on Mary St, Campbell St, Arthur St and other surrounding streets would detract from this suburban area, adding noise and meaning these streets are not as safe for pedestrians, often families with young children walking to Queen's Park.</p> <p>Any building work would need to be sympathetic to the heritage style of existing buildings and avoid the removal of trees, both of which are iconic features of the suburb.</p> <p>The current stadium poses no significant imposition on residents. Saturday afternoon activities which cease by 9pm are tolerable but a stadium with a significant investment is surely going to be used much more frequently and the imposition on residents (I expect) will be significant.</p>
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Paul	Apart from when they bring an NRL game to Toowoomba there will never be a time outside of the Olympic Games when the ground will be at capacity. The Clydesdales wouldn't fill the existing stands and I suspect they will only have a limited lifespan with little success and the high cost in sustaining a team in that competition. Having fond memories of playing there myself I would love to see it remain as it is, used a couple of times a week with a few hundred patrons at most, however I'm sure us whiners could put up with the traffic and noise nuisances in our beautiful neck of the woods that a few thousand extra empty plastic seats will create.
Coralie	I propose that the new sporting ground could be moved to the old air port , that way its not creating issues of noise for the peopkewho live in that suburb it is currently in as well as parking , noise , and it has the ground there where toowoomba could gave a bigger stadium and attract a lot more investment for this city.
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Judy Bain	How ridiculous trying to upgrade this stadium. It is a total residential area. No parking, narrow streets.. Attended footy games there for years & walked miles, carried bags & chairs etc to get there, & I won't go again, despite my son a current TRL player. No common-sense in this decision . Move it out of town, make it green park space.
Christine	Very stupid idear waste of tax payer's money cheaper housing would be a better idear for people living in Toowoomba on the street's also in car's the rents are going up all the time its very cold 🥶 at night 🌙 I think of them all the time it's heart breaking 😭
Michael	This is a good plan as long as there is an actual upgrade to the existing stadium making it a Better quality than what it is now.