

Our ref: CTS 19005/24

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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 11 September 2024 about Petition No. 4166-24 and 4145-24, received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

I note the views of the petitioners, commend their efforts and appreciate their concern for the provision of adequate sport and recreation facilities in the Gympie local government area and the positive impact these facilities provide participants and the local community.

The Queensland Government recognises that grassroots sporting and recreation clubs are the backbone of local communities. The \$250 million Games On! program will support local clubs across the state for the sports infrastructure needed to inspire our future gold medal winners in Brisbane 2032 and many more Olympic and Paralympic Games to come. Games On! aims to deliver new or upgraded fields and courts, clubhouses, changerooms, or lighting, delivering a legacy across Queensland ahead of 2032, to encourage more kids into sport and train our next generation of Olympians and Paralympians.

The Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games (DSROPG) does not have the jurisdiction to implement local level facility planning or development as this is the responsibility of local government. Any future site would need to be secured with a lease agreement by a relevant organisation or local government authority to be eligible for future funding from DSROPG.

I encourage the petitioners to express their views on sport infrastructure development to the Gympie Regional Council on 1300 307 800 or via email to <u>council@gympie.qld.gov.au</u>.

I would like to thank you, the principal petitioner and all signatories for the advocacy on this matter.

Yours sincerely

The Honourable Tim Mander MP Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games

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The Honourable Michael Healy MP Minister for Tourism and Sport

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Mr Neil Laurie The Clerk of the Parliament Queensland Parliamentary Services tableoffice@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Laurie

I write regarding Petition No. 4166-24 and 4145-24, received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 10 September 2024, in relation to developing indoor and outdoor sporting facilities within the Gympie region.

As the Government is currently in caretaker mode, I am unable to provide a substantiative response to these petitions at this time. Therefore, under Standing Order 125(6)(a), I am providing this letter as an interim response.

In accordance with section 59A of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* and under Standing Order 31, I request that this interim response be tabled during the period the Legislative Assembly is dissolved.

Yours sincerely

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MICHAEL HEALY MP Minister for Tourism and Sport

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