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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petition No. 4000-23 regarding the proposal for 'a mid-sized rectangular stadium for Brisbane at Parry Park' and my previous correspondence on this matter.

To clarify my previous advice, in addition to the use of Suncorp Stadium, the Brisbane Roar men's and women's teams played A-League games at Ballymore during the 2023-24 season. The men's team were also training at Ballymore last season. The men's team has since moved to Meakin Park for training, to better manage use of the fields at Ballymore. I understand Queensland Rugby Union are considering how Ballymore will be used for the 2024-25 season.

This is in addition to the women's game moving closer to utilising the Football Precinct at the South Pine Sports Complex for their 2024-25 training season.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petition No. 4000-23 regarding the proposal for 'a mid-sized rectangular stadium for Brisbane at Perry Park' which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 11 June 2024.

I am aware that Football Queensland has developed a Strategic Infrastructure Plan which identifies the priority of developing such a stadium at one of three potential locations (which includes Perry Park). Financial support for the proposal is not available at this time, however the Queensland Government continues to liaise with stakeholders including Football Queensland, Brisbane City Council, the Young Men's Christian Association (the head lessee of Perry Park) and Strikers Sport Recreation and Welfare Association Limited to consider any future opportunities for the site.

The 2018 *Stadium Taskforce Report* found that there was no requirement for another boutique stadium because there is existing capacity in the current suite of stadia. There are currently four rectangular stadia within an 80-kilometre radius of the Brisbane CBD, which includes Suncorp Stadium—the world's best rectangular stadium—and the newly refurbished Ballymore complex. The existing stadia deliver suitable infrastructure for football. Furthermore, a boutique stadium was not part of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games bid.

It is my understanding that in addition to the use of Suncorp Stadium, Ballymore Stadium is the current home training base for the Brisbane Roar Men's team, with both the men's and women's teams playing home games at Ballymore during the 2023-24 season. I am also aware that a further facility in the City of Moreton Bay is becoming available for the women's game as well as local club activity.

*Accelerate 2022-2025* (Accelerate), the second action plan under *Activate! Queensland 2019-2029*, outlines the Queensland Government's three-year vision to get more Queenslanders moving, more often. Accelerate will continue to provide targeted and deliberate action and investment through five key commitments, including to 'champion an industry leading network of infrastructure across Queensland'. Under this commitment, the Department of Tourism and Sport is investing in community sport infrastructure to increase community participation and facility utilisation through quality and accessibility improvements across Queensland.

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11 July 2024