PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Inquiry Information Paper

THE SUNCORP STADIUM PROJECT

BACKGROUND

The Queensland Parliamentary Public Works Committee has decided to examine the Suncorp Stadium project.

The committee is calling for written submissions from interested persons and organisations to be sent by Friday, 30 March 2007 to:

The Research Director
Public Works Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

This paper has been produced to provide information to interested persons and organisations on the inquiry, the project, the committee, and how to make a submission.

THE PROJECT

Cost: $280 million

Location: Milton, Brisbane

Major Players: The constructing authority for the project was Sport and Recreation Queensland (part of what is now the Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation) through a statutory body, the Stadium Redevelopment Authority.

The Department of Public Works held the role of project director and project manager, overseeing construction.

Design and construction was by the Lang Park Redevelopment Joint Venture (Multiplex Constructions and Watpac).

HOK Sport + Venue + Event and PDT Architects provided architectural services.

Project Description:

Suncorp Stadium is a 52,500 seat rectangular stadium used to host rugby league, rugby union, soccer. The project involved the complete redevelopment of Lang Park Stadium, expanding the size of the complex significantly and implementing extensive built infrastructure and technologically advanced building systems.

Substantial infrastructure works were undertaken as part of the project including an upgrade to Milton railway station, a new 12 bay bus station and almost two kilometers of pedestrian walkways.

The redevelopment will be finally completed with the construction of the Caxton-Roma Pedestrian Link, which was put on hold pending the City West Master Plan..

Project time-frames:

Construction on the Stadium proper began in 2001 and was completed in June 2003. The final component of the redevelopment, the Caxton-Roma Pedestrian Link, is due for completion in mid 2007.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference for the inquiry are to examine the Suncorp Stadium project and report to the Parliament on:

a) the purpose of the work

b) the suitability of the work for its purpose

c) the necessity for, and the advisability of, the work

d) value for money achieved by the work

e) the cost, revenue produced by and recurrent costs of the work

f) the public value of the work, including the impact of the work on the community, economy and environment

g) procurement methods for the work

h) the balance of public and private sector involvement in the work

i) the performance of the constructing authority and the consultants and contractors for the work

THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Public Works Committee is an all-party committee of the Queensland Parliament. The committee is established under the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, which gives the committee its powers and functions.

The committee's areas of responsibility under the Act are to examine and report on (a) public works undertaken by a constructing authority for the work if the committee decides to consider the work, and (b) any major Government Owned Corporation (GOC) work if the committee decides to consider the work.

The committee endeavours to ensure that Queenslanders receive value from the government's capital works program. To this end it routinely conducts inquiries into a range of projects throughout the state at different stages from inception to post completion, of various costs and in all portfolio areas.

The Act gives the committee certain powers to ensure it can fulfil its responsibilities. These include the power to call for persons, documents and other things and powers dealing with entry to and inspection of a public work.

The committee is not part of the formal project approval process and it is not involved in the tendering process or the awarding of contracts. Inquiries on these matters should be directed to the constructing authority or GOC.

GUIDELINES FOR MAKING A SUBMISSION

By asking for public submissions the committee provides an opportunity for interest groups, private citizens and others to contribute to an important review and evaluation process. Submissions can add greatly to the knowledge the committee has about a project. Often the public is aware of specific issues and impacts of which the committee is unaware. Public participation is an important and necessary ingredient in the committee's investigations and is an opportunity for the public to see, and take part in, the operation of Parliament.

Form

While there is no prescribed form for written submissions to a committee it is helpful to structure your submission using the inquiry terms of reference.

The best submissions are to the point, supported by evidence and use plain english.

The committee will only consider written submissions. Typed or printed text is preferable, though legible hand-written submissions are acceptable.

All submissions must include (i) the name, (ii) a postal address and (iii) a daytime contact telephone number of the person who makes the submission.

Number the pages and, if the submission is over twenty pages long, provide a brief summary at the front and include a table of contents.

Relevance

The submission must be relevant to the inquiry; otherwise the committee may not accept it. The committee will inform you of its decision to accept your submission or otherwise.

Confidential submissions

The committee will not consider anonymous submissions though it may direct that a submission be treated confidentially. The Public Works Committee attempts to run its inquiries in the most open way possible. However, if you believe that your submission (or part of it) should not be made public clearly write 'confidential' on each page and, in a brief covering letter explain why your submission should be treated confidentially.

Lodgement of submissions

Please send your submission to:

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SUBMISSIONS CLOSE ON FRIDAY, 30 MARCH 2007

Extensions to the closing date may be given. If you need more time to make a submission contact the committee secretariat. Do not assume that a late submission will be accepted.

Unauthorised release

Once the committee receives a submission it becomes the property of the committee and must not be published or released without its permission.

Publishing a submission without the committee's authorisation may be a contempt of Parliament and the submission will not be protected by Parliamentary privilege.

The committee may table submissions in the Legislative Assembly or otherwise publish them.

Further information

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