



Speech by

**Hon. R. GIBBS**

**MEMBER FOR BUNDAMBA**

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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Lang Park Redevelopment, Impact Assessment Study**

**Hon. R. J. GIBBS** (Bundamba—ALP) (Minister for Tourism, Sport and Racing) (9.37 a.m.), by leave: On 31 August the Government announced that Lang Park was the preferred site for Brisbane's new world-class stadium. At that time, the Premier and I gave a public commitment that the Lang Park redevelopment would involve a comprehensive planning and assessment program and extensive community consultation. We are honouring that commitment. Senior officers from my department have already conducted a number of public forums on the planned redevelopment with local residents and other interested parties. Tomorrow the Government will advertise a public tender for a consultant to conduct the impact assessment study into the Lang Park Stadium development. That study is expected to begin in February. Today I am releasing for public comment the draft terms of reference of that study.

This comprehensive impact assessment study is being undertaken to ensure that the final outcome meets the needs of the whole community and the stadium users. Key issues to be addressed in the IAS include transportation, traffic and pedestrian access requirements; impacts on local residents and the broader community; noise, lighting and air quality; economic issues, including impacts on local businesses; visual and social impacts; and impacts on surrounding land uses and land use planning. Other potential environmental impacts include soils, water quality, waste management and infrastructure needs and requirements to facilitate the project.

The terms of reference is like the recipe for the study and, once finalised, will form the framework for the studies that will be conducted to look at the impacts of upgrading the site. For those who have an interest in the proposed stadium development and its potential impacts, now is the time to have a say on the issues that will be addressed in the technical studies themselves.

Public comments on the draft terms of reference are encouraged and must be received by 15 February 2000. During the period when the draft terms of reference are being publicly displayed, an independent community consultation team will be working directly with the community to help identify community issues, promote understanding of the IAS process and facilitate public response to the draft terms of reference. At the same time, preliminary investigations will also be conducted on the stadium design, transport planning and the development of commercial models.

Interested parties can telephone the Lang Park Stadium information line on 3235 9084 to arrange for a copy of the draft terms of reference of the impact assessment study to be posted. Copies of the terms of reference can also be collected from Sports House, corner of Castlemaine and Caxton Streets, Milton; the office of the member for Mount Coot-tha, Ms Wendy Edmond, 76 MacGregor Terrace, Bardon; the Department of Tourism, Sport and Racing, Level 3, 85 George Street, Brisbane; or the stadium web site, [www.dtsr.qld.gov.au/stadium](http://www.dtsr.qld.gov.au/stadium).