



Speech by

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DEAGON SPORTS PRECINCT

Ms DARLING (Sandgate—ALP) (11.43 am): *Toward Q2: Tomorrow's Queensland*, the Bligh government's state-wide plan for the future, has a goal to make Queenslanders Australia's healthiest people. The Deagon sports precinct is a vital sport and activity facility for residents of the Sandgate electorate. The Brisbane City Council fields include amongst its tenants the Sandgate Redcliffe Cricket Club, the Sandgate Tennis Centre and the Sandgate PCYC, and many other sporting clubs and schools utilise the fields. A jointly funded federal, state and local government \$750,000 upgrade is underway and the federally funded first stage is now complete. Three water tanks with 260,000 litres of capacity and over three kilometres of pipes for irrigation are now in place. Stage 2 will see the \$250,000 of state government major facilities funding and the \$250,000 local government matched funding spent to restore the sporting fields, irrigation and drainage work.

I want to congratulate local councillor Victoria Newton for her advocacy and success in ensuring the replacement of the Sandgate PCYC's damaged roof is included in the council's scope of works. Councillor Newton and I have been working with the PCYC for some time to deliver a sensible outcome for the club. I also want to acknowledge the enormous contribution of the PCYC, especially branch manager Sergeant Nichole Sampson and Acting Sergeant Scott Jensen who worked so hard to raise funds for the roof replacement. The new roof will provide an excellent water catchment function for the entire irrigation project and I am pleased to see a sensible solution to the improvement of this council facility for the benefit of so many users of the Deagon sports precinct. I am delighted that the state can once again partner with council to deliver for the residents of the Sandgate electorate, just like the \$1 million of state funding for the new Taigum and Fitzgibbon bikeway. Queensland taxpayers can be assured that the state government is allocating funds in practical ways to improve council and community sporting facilities around the state.