

Question on Notice
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Asked on 8 February 2007

MR STEVENS asked the Premier and Minister for Trade (MR BEATTIE) -

QUESTION:

Will he guarantee that the provision of just 600 public car spaces at the new Robina Football Stadium will not negatively affect the successful operation of the new rugby league franchise, the Titans, on the Gold Coast?

ANSWER:

The ongoing success of the Gold Coast Titans will be largely determined by their on field performances.

The SKILLED Park stadium and adjacent stadium car parking facilities are being built on sites selected and provided by the Gold Coast City Council. A 640 space car park is being constructed in conjunction with Robina Land Corporation about 300 metres from the Stadium. These spaces are the total number of bays that can be accommodated at grade level on the site provided by the Gold Coast City Council.

In addition there will be approximately 100 car spaces within the stadium site and in the adjacent Stadium Drive which will be utilised on event days by players, staff and people with a disability.

It is accepted as best practice in the operation of major stadia to limit the number of private cars within the precinct on event days. The Queensland Government encourages patrons to use public transport when attending these major events through joint ticketing and the provision of event specific public transport services.

All modern stadia throughout the world are adopting a public transport centric model because of the flow-on environmental, security and social benefits. The success of this model is evident at Suncorp Stadium and the Gabba where stadium precinct clearance times for crowds in excess of 40,000 are on average less than one hour.

The Queensland Government, through Translink, has recently begun construction of a \$15m upgrade of the existing bus and car parking facilities at the Robina Railway Station to provide additional car parking facilities for commuters. Robina Transport Hub will include a new deck above Robina Railway Station's existing on-ground eastern car park and a new pedestrian bridge over an adjacent road to the SKILLED Park precinct. On event days the deck will operate as a high volume bus station similar to facilities at Suncorp Stadium and is expected to be completed in early 2008 in time for the stadium opening.