Question on Notice

No. 848

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DR C ROWAN ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to the proposed Brisbane inner west primary school—

Will the Minister advise which sites were considered and on what basis each site was rejected as a suitable location for the school?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to building fit-for-purpose learning environments that support educational outcomes.

In planning for the project, the Department of Education reviewed the local area to identify sites as part of the project scoping. This exercise considered that part of the Indooroopilly State High School site could be a suitable location as it was located generally within the centre of the two catchments, provided access to greenspace and as government-owned land would provide a value-for-money offering.

In January and February 2021, the department sought feedback on this option and as part of this process the community was invited to nominate alternative sites for consideration.

The department completed a preliminary review of all nominated sites and found the majority were unsuitable as they were:

- located outside the area of need;
- of insufficient size for a primary school; or
- unavailable for development.

More information in relation to the community consultation can be found at www.qed.qld.gov.au/programs-initiatives/department/building-education/new-primary-school-brisbanes-inner-west.

The department is currently finalising a second round of community consultation, which sought feedback on the possible location of the new school at Indooroopilly State High School or the Perrin Park Precinct. This round of consultation closed at 5 pm on 30 June 2021 and feedback is currently being collated.

Regardless of the location, public notification and expert analysis of environmental and traffic impacts will be undertaken as part of the Ministerial Infrastructure Designation process.

The site selection process will be completed by the end of 2021.