

Question on Notice
No. 1108
Asked on 25 October 2022

Mr J Bleijie asked Premier and Minister for the Olympics (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

Will the Premier guarantee that Kawana sporting clubs including the Kawana Dolphins and Kawana Junior Dolphins will not be impacted or forced to move against their wishes by the Sunshine Coast Council's plan to put the Olympic Basketball at the Sunshine Coast Stadium instead of Maroochydore as was originally planned?

ANSWER:

The Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games (Brisbane 2032) Master Plan, outlined in the Future Host Questionnaire (FHQ) response, identified an indoor sports centre at Kawana, adjacent to the Sunshine Coast Stadium, as the location for Olympic basketball preliminaries.

While it is too early to determine the impact to the sporting community, it should be noted the many benefits of the Games to the Sunshine Coast, including:

- Hosting not only Basketball, but also Mountain Biking, Marathon and Parathletics (Marathon), Race Walk, Road Cycling, Para-Cycling (Road) and Kiteboarding.
- Increased investment in the region including a Satellite Athletes village to host some 1400 athletes and officials.
- The international spotlight will attract new global business audiences, helping the Sunshine Coast share in a \$4.6 billion boost in tourism and trade for Queensland.
- Tourism operators in the region will benefit from the global exposure before, and long after the Games have finished.
- Around 50 per cent of international travellers dispersing to Queensland's regions stimulating a significant increase in overnight-visitor expenditure.

Still, I expect going forward the Sunshine Coast Council will work closely with any affected stakeholders to minimise any disruption to the community, including sporting groups, in the lead up to Brisbane 2032.