

Question on Notice
No. 953
Asked on 1 September 2022

MR T WATTS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM, INNOVATION AND SPORT AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER ON OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS SPORT AND ENGAGEMENT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

QUESTION:

With reference to Toowoomba Regional Council advice that only two sporting facilities (Toowoomba Sports Ground/Clive Berghofer Stadium, Highfields Sport and Recreation Complex) in the Toowoomba North Electorate have the facilities to cater for female participation in sport—

Will the Minister commit to upgrading all the facilities to the standard that reflects the electorate's female participation in sport?

ANSWER:

Through the Queensland Women's Strategy 2022-27 the Palaszczuk Government is prioritising safety and wellbeing to ensure more women can actively participate and prosper. This Government is committed to increasing and retaining women's participation in sport and other healthy activities by delivering a range of programs that support participation of women and girls through the application of equity principles.

As part of *Activate! Queensland 2019-2029* (Activate! Queensland), the Palaszczuk Government is committed to targeting investment that ensures universally designed infrastructure which promotes equitable access to participation opportunities for all.

We have delivered over 64 female-dedicated facility projects that the Queensland Government has contributed over \$29 million towards and we have invested another \$85 million towards 27 inclusive facilities projects that will be delivered over the next two years.

I recently announced the second three-year action plan for Activate! Queensland, *Accelerate 2022-2025*. Under this action plan, we will continue to support fit-for-purpose facilities in accessible locations for Queenslanders to get out and enjoy their surroundings through sport and active recreation.

The Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport is investing \$924 125 under the *Active Community Infrastructure* program in the Toowoomba Regional Council area, to construct a new amenities block for West Wanderers Football Club including four change rooms and a referee room, to support female participation in football at Neil E Robinson Park. The amenities will benefit Toowoomba North Electorate sporting clubs during away-game fixtures and carnivals, particularly association football and netball. The project is scheduled for completion by October 2022.

Information about the department's competitive funding programs is available on their website. Clubs are encouraged to work with the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport and discuss their potential projects.