

Question on Notice
No. 1302
Asked on 24 October 2023

Dr A MacMahon asked Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the 2021 announcement, when the Premier said in the Premier's State of the State address that 'Brisbane firm Populous – builders of stadiums around the world – identified a way athletes can prepare for their events in a park near the Pineapple Hotel with a link to the stadium'—

Will the Premier share this advice provided by Populous?

ANSWER:

Populous was asked to consider the suitability of the Brisbane Cricket Ground (The Gabba), for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The Gabba will host the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, and the track and field events.

Warm-up facilities for track and field are required to be in close proximity to the competition venue, to help ensure athletes are able to warm-up and compete at their optimum levels. Being around 500m from the Gabba, Raymond Park was identified as a suitable location for the temporary warm up track and throws facility.

While early planning considered an eight-lane track, a four-lane track with six-lane straight complies with the International Federation requirements. It also means adjacent homes don't need to be resumed and ensures minimal impact on mature trees.

Following the Games, the temporary warm-up facilities will revert to its current use, and the park's facilities will be upgraded for the community.