

Question on Notice

No. 459

Asked on 18 April 2024

MR J BLEIJIE asked the Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing (HON GRACE GRACE) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the Kawana Indoor Centre and the results of the Kawana Rugby League's survey of players to understand their views on the proposed displacement of the Kawana Rugby League to Meridan Plains and concerns that the club would not survive if council continue to advocate a move and the Indoor Stadium being built upon the grounds—

Will the Minister advise if the government will hold off on issuing procurement documents on the Kawana Sports Centre until further consultation with the community is held and alternative locations are properly reviewed?

ANSWER:

On 17 May 2024, I jointly announced with Senator the Honourable Anthony Chisholm, Assistant Minister for Education and Assistant Minister for Regional Development (representing the Federal Government); Rosanna Natoli, Sunshine Coast Council Mayor; Andrew Liveris, Chair, Organising Committee for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games; and other local stakeholders that investment decisions have been completed on the three Sunshine Coast venues (and the Chandler Sports Precinct), paving the way for the procurement process to begin.

The Sunshine Coast Council commenced consultation with Kawana Sports Precinct tenants, including the Kawana Senior Rugby League and the Kawana Junior Rugby League clubs, before the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games were awarded to Brisbane.

Stakeholders, including impacted tenants, were also engaged through the Project Validation Report (PVR) process, which provides an assessment of the project that helps the government consider a range of options before commencing the procurement and construction stages. The PVR also considers service needs, social impacts, economic impacts, Games and legacy mode design and operational requirements, project costs and operating models.

The Sunshine Coast Council held a briefing session on 23 April 2024 with sporting clubs and interested community groups, including representatives from the Kawana Senior Rugby League and the Kawana Junior Rugby League clubs, to provide a further opportunity for engagement about the Sunshine Coast Indoor Sports Centre. The Sunshine Coast Council has committed to continue to work closely with sporting and community groups during the displacement period. Following the briefing session,

the Sunshine Coast Council confirmed its commitment to the Indoor Sports Centre being located at Kawana.

The Sports Venue Review, led by former Lord Mayor Graham Quirk, also recommended the project proceed and the Government has accepted this recommendation.

To inform the Queensland and Australian governments' investment decision, the Project Validation Report for the Sunshine Coast Indoor Sports Centre has been endorsed by the Queensland and Australian governments. A summary will be made publicly available, when tenders are released to market, scheduled to occur in August 2024.