

Question on Notice

No. 866

Asked on 21 August 2024

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise what state owned land holdings in Kawana and surrounding suburbs have been considered as alternative homes for the Kawana Dolphins?

ANSWER:

Building the Sunshine Coast Indoor Sports Centre at the Kawana Sports Precinct, in conjunction with the expansion of the adjacent Sunshine Coast Stadium, will not only support the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, but create a regional and national sporting and entertainment venue providing long-lasting legacy benefits for the community.

The Sunshine Coast Council (Council) is managing the displacement impacts to Kawana Precinct tenants and will continue to work closely with these tenants including the Kawana Dolphins. Council has committed to a multi-million-dollar upgrade of Meridan Fields, where the Kawana Dolphins will have access to six fields and a larger clubhouse / changeroom facility, which will allow the club to better service their existing and future membership. This compares to the current two fields with restrictions on major event days at the Kawana precinct site.

Council advises that due to the suitability of the Meridan site and its proximity to the current Kawana Dolphins base, no State Government owned holdings were considered.