

William Akol

From: Personal information
Sent: Thursday, 9 March 2023 9:31 AM
To: Amy Hunter
Subject: Ballymore

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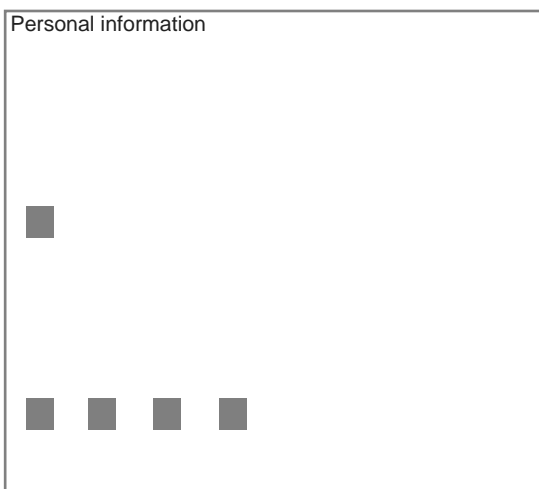
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Thanks, Amy

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William Akol

From: Kat Acampora <Kat.Acampora@dildilgp.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 20 April 2023 1:53 PM
To: Amy Hunter; Emilia Hutchinson
Subject: RE: s.47(3)(a) of the RTI Act. Exempt information under schedule
Attachments: s.47(3)(a) of the RTI Act. Exempt information under schedule (as at 17 APR 2023) (1).docx

Sorry, forgot to add a note on the s.47(3)(a) of the RTI Act. Exempt information
Use this version instead 😊

Cheers,
Kat

From: Kat Acampora
Sent: Thursday, 20 April 2023 1:48 PM
To: Amy Hunter <Amy.Hunter@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Emilia Hutchinson
<Emilia.Hutchinson@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: s.47(3)(a) of the RTI Act. Exempt information under schedule 3,

Hey Amy and Milli,

Attached is s.47(3)(a) of the RTI Act. Exempt information under schedule 3, s.2(1)(b) of t

Cheers,



Kat Acampora

**Media Manager & Communications Lead for
Brisbane 2032 Infrastructure**

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William Akol

From: Kat Acampora <Kat.Acampora@dildilgp.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 11 April 2023 2:38 PM
To: Emilia Hutchinson
Cc: Media; Amy Hunter
Subject: Brisbane 2032 responses - Cricket inclusion, Ballymore legacy, and cost of Sunshine Coast venues

Hey Milli,

As discussed, here are the three responses for the Brisbane 2032 enquiries today. Let me know if you need anything further, or would like them to be sent by the department.

Brisbane Times – Where would cricket be played if added as an Olympic event

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Brisbane Times – Ballymore legacy, following Hockey Australia media release

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Claire Single

From: Amy Hunter
Sent: Thursday, 9 March 2023 5:07 PM
To: Media
Cc: Emilia Hutchinson
Subject: RE: Ballymore

This is great. Can you please send it from a dep spokesperson?

Thanks
Amy

From: Media <Media@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 9 March 2023 5:02 PM
To: Amy Hunter <Amy.Hunter@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Emilia Hutchinson <Emilia.Hutchinson@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Media <Media@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au>
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Hey Amy,

Apologies for the delay.
Please see below response.

Cheers,
Kat

Response:

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From: Amy Hunter <Amy.Hunter@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2023 9:46:38 AM
To: Media <Media@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Emilia Hutchinson <Emilia.Hutchinson@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Ballymore

Hi,

Can I please have an answer to the below.
His deadline is 4pm today.

I think the answer is that we have taken into account temporary overlay

Cheers,
Amy



Amy Hunter (she/her)
Principal Media Advisor
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From: Steven Miles
Sent: Thursday, 9 March 2023 5:22 PM
To: Amy Hunter
Cc: Emilia Hutchinson; Katharine Wright
Subject: Re: Ballymore

Ok

Sent from my iPhone

On 9 Mar 2023, at 5:06 pm, Amy Hunter <Amy.Hunter@ministerial.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Hi, heads up on the below response.
Qld Rugby has told [Personal information] the eastern stand can't be used for the Olympics and has used that for their bid for stage 2 expansion funding. It's ok because that stand wasn't taken into account.

Amy

Response attributed to department spokesperson:

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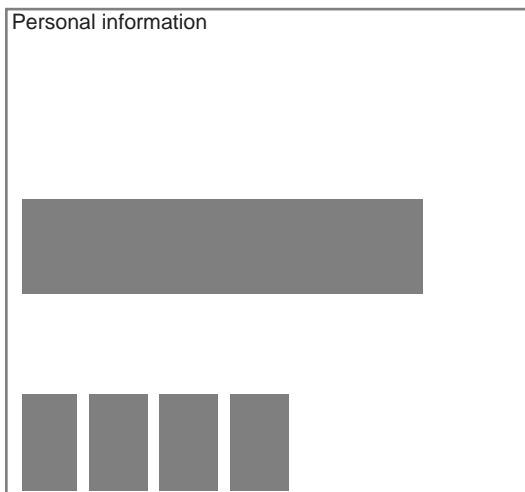
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Claire Single

From: Amy Hunter
Sent: Thursday, 23 March 2023 4:11 PM
To: Steven Miles
Cc: Katharine Wright; Benton Wecker; Emilia Hutchinson
Subject: Games infra update for tomorrow
Attachments: s.47(3)(a) of the RTI Act. Exempt information under schedule 3, s.2(

Hey,

You asked for s.47(3)(a) of the RTI Act. Exempt information under schedule 3, s.2(

Attached are s.47(3)(a) of the RTI Act. Exempt information

Let me know if you would like something more specific or if you want a shorter one pager?

Cheers,
Amy



Amy Hunter (she/her)

Principal Media Advisor

Office of the Hon. Steven Miles MP

Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development,
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Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure

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RTI Act (Cabinet information).

Claire Single

From: Steven Miles
Sent: Tuesday, 11 April 2023 4:52 PM
To: Emilia Hutchinson
Cc: Katharine Wright
Subject: Re: Olympics enquiries

I'm sorry these are fine

Sent from my iPhone

On 11 Apr 2023, at 3:07 pm, Emilia Hutchinson <Emilia.Hutchinson@ministerial.qld.gov.au> wrote:

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Afternoon,

Have had a few Olympics enquiries in. Are you OK if department sends back the below responses?

Brisbane Times – Where would cricket be played if added as an Olympic event

QUESTION:

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Brisbane Times – Ballymore legacy, following Hockey Australia media release

QUESTION:

Wondering if the government had any response to [this criticism of Ballymore](#) from Hockey Australia?

From their website: *Hockey Australia, in conjunction and collaboration with Hockey Queensland, fully supports calls for a permanent and lasting hockey legacy from the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games.*

Presently, the venue plan set out by the Brisbane Organising Committee for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games (BOCOG) is to place temporary 'drop-in'

synthetic hockey pitches and stadium infrastructure at the Ballymore Rugby Union precinct.

Together with Hockey Queensland, Hockey Australia is adamant the state needs and deserves to have a new facility that can host national and international hockey events and be utilised by the Queensland hockey community for decades to come.

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Emilia Hutchinson
Senior Media Advisor
Office of the Hon. Steven Miles MP
Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development,
Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and
Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure

M [Section 47(3)(b)]



Claire Single

From: Emilia Hutchinson
Sent: Tuesday, 11 April 2023 9:47 AM
To: 'Media'
Subject: FW: Cricket at the Olympics

Hello again,

Personal info has asked a follow up question about Ballymore.

We've previously sent him the below:

Response:

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Background – not for attribution:

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Would we have anything to add to that, in light of the new information from Hockey Aust?

Thanks!
Milli

From: Personal information
Sent: Tuesday, 11 April 2023 9:42 AM
To: Emilia Hutchinson <Emilia.Hutchinson@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Cricket at the Olympics

Hi again Emilia,

In addition to the cricket question, wondering if the government had any response to [this criticism of Ballymore](#) from Hockey Australia?

cheers

Personal information



On Sat, 8 Apr 2023 at 07:34, Emilia Hutchinson <Emilia.Hutchinson@ministerial.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Hey Personal in

Thanks for your email. Have passed onto the right people for the right info and will get back to you ASAP. Thanks!

On 7 Apr 2023, at 4:15 pm, Personal information wrote:

Hi Emelia,

Amy's out-of-office directed me your way.

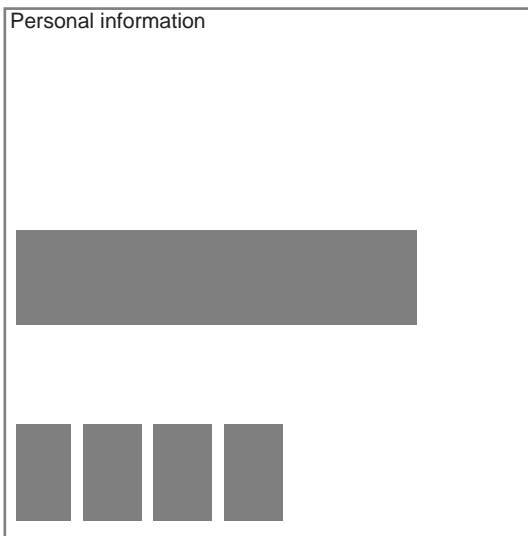
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Or would it be like the football, which can be played elsewhere. Would Cararra Stadium, the MCG, Adelaide Oval etc come into the fold as Olympic venues? (This would not be unprecedented - the Gabba was itself a venue for Olympic football in 2000).

I don't expect an answer during the Easter long weekend (though I'd certainly welcome one!), so Tuesday would be fine.

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From: Shane Doherty
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Cc: Shane Doherty <Shane.Doherty@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Shannon Marshall-McCormack <Shannon.MM@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Olympics enquiries

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Need to get this back to journos today sorry

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Background – not for attribution:

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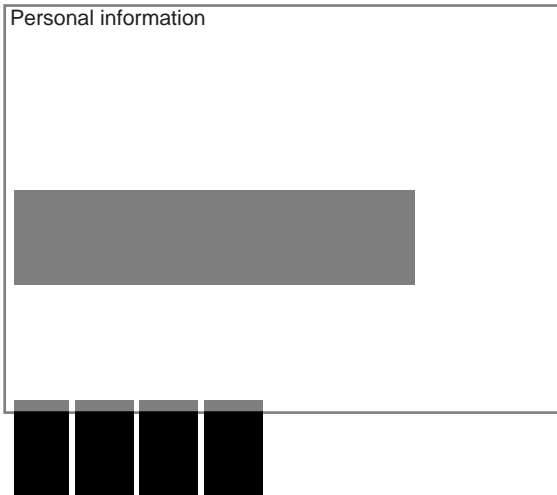
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