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Attached is our letter to the Minister.

I will call you to discuss.

Regards

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8 July 2008

The Honourable Judy Spence MP  
Minister for Police, Corrective Services  
& Sport  
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Dear Minister

As you are aware, it is our ambition to redevelop the Ballymore complex in Brisbane into a world class sports academy that will provide a level of athlete support and sporting infrastructure that is unmatched outside of the national capital.

To be made available to all sports in Queensland, on completion the facility will incorporate the following:

- Modern office space for sports administration;
- A world class sports medicine facility including the required specialists, X-ray and MRI equipment;
- A four star player's village capable of housing 200 sports people at a time;
- A new full size football field;
- A 2,000m<sup>2</sup> state of the art gymnasium;
- An enclosed heated swimming pool;
- Bike and walking tracks, picnic areas, a cafe and merchandise outlet;
- A function room for up to 500 patrons; and
- A refurbished 22,000 seat, modern stadium

I am writing to formally seek the State Government's financial assistance to initiate the redevelopment of a valuable state sporting asset.

Your assistance would allow us to proceed, pending approval of our development application, on three key elements of the total plan, namely:

1. The development of a new full size football field.

At present in addition to Field 1 (the stadium field at Ballymore) and the adjacent Field 2 we have only one other training field which is less than full size and inadequately lit for night use. The two main fields are extensively used throughout the year, meaning we are largely unable to assist with frequent requests for access to fields due to the current utilisation level. An additional full size field with requisite lighting would provide the capacity to assist in better serving these requests as well as a greater capability to stage major regional and national tournaments.

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2. A new indoor heated swimming pool

At present we utilise another pool, off site, for the training and rehabilitation of our high performance athletes. Having this facility on site would prove most beneficial, enabling more frequent and timely usage.

Additionally, this would be a community swimming pool and its availability at Ballymore was strongly supported by residents during the community consultation process.

3. The badly needed upgrade to the Western Stand facilities

This stand was originally constructed in 1968 and as such now requires installation of new corporate seating areas and general seating areas. We hold in excess of 120 games each year on Ballymore's main field and the Western stand is the stand most utilised for those games.

Attached is a summary of key elements of the redevelopment with estimated total costs as prepared by quantity surveyors as well as a number of drawings including the masterplan. These will form part of the Development Application which is being submitted this July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Minister, please accept our sincere thanks for taking the time to consider this request. Few state capitals enjoy the benefit of having a major sports facility in a parkland setting so close to the CBD. Queensland Rugby has accepted the responsibility of maintaining this valuable asset for a number of years, for the benefit of the wider rugby family as well as the local community.

Our long term plans offer an opportunity for this benefit to be shared by the wider Queensland sporting family, while maintaining access for the local community. By assisting us with the initial financial burden, the Queensland government will help leverage the longer term development into an even more valuable state sport and health infrastructure asset.

Yours sincerely

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