

**CRIME & MISCONDUCT COMMISSION**

No: 8/2007 Date: 26/11/09

IN THE MATTER OF:  
Complaint of A. Galt

Public Hearing

EXHIBIT No: H22  
Alice Van CLERK

**KLAASSEN Ben**

**From:** KLAASSEN Ben  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 8 July 2008 1:11 PM  
**To:** MATHESON Craig  
**Cc:** OBRYAN Tracy; FARMER Dianne  
**Subject:** BN Ballymore Redevelopment

**Attachments:** BN Ballymore Redevelopment.doc

Craig

Here is the Ballymore brief. Signed copy in your urgent tray.

Regards  
Ben



BN Ballymore  
edevelopment.doc.

## DSR MINISTERIAL SUBMISSION

**SUBJECT: BALLYMORE REDEVELOPMENT –QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

### **PURPOSE:**

1. To seek the Minister's approval for funding of \$4.2 million (GST exclusive) over three years for the Queensland Rugby Union to redevelop Ballymore, subject to execution of a funding agreement.

### **URGENCY**

2. The Minister's office requested advice on this matter as a priority.

### **BACKGROUND:**

3. The Queensland Rugby Union (QRU) is the State sporting organisation which oversees the development of rugby union in Queensland. The QRU has proposed a staged redevelopment of Ballymore, its traditional home ground in Brisbane, to support the future of rugby union in Queensland and provide a community hub of sport and recreation facilities.
4. This redevelopment is separate from the Australian National Rugby Academy (ANRA) for which the QRU was allocated funding from the previous Commonwealth Government in 2007. The main focus of the ANRA was player accommodation, sports medicine facilities and function/catering facilities. The Commonwealth funding has subsequently been withdrawn and the ANRA proposal is being reconsidered by the QRU.
5. The QRU has rescoped the objectives and plans for Ballymore and has approached the Department of Sport and Recreation (the Department) for funding assistance to address three priorities of a staged redevelopment:
  - a new rugby field;
  - a new indoor heated swimming pool; and
  - new facilities in the western grandstand.
6. The estimated cost is \$4.2 million (GST exclusive) over three years.

### **ISSUES:**

7. Ballymore is a significant sport and recreation asset in South East Queensland and the QRU has given consideration to prioritising redevelopment of Ballymore to secure the long term future of the venue and the QRU.
8. The Department has examined the QRU proposal and considers it offers the following:
  - an opportunity to reinvigorate and revitalise the Ballymore facility. Ballymore is recognised as an excellent facility which hosts State and national level rugby union and recently was utilised as the training base for the Socceroos in the lead up to their match at Suncorp Stadium. The addition of a new field and indoor pool will provide greater opportunities to attract elite level teams for training purposes and revitalise Ballymore as a venue for community sport and recreation events e.g junior rugby union and football.

**SUBJECT: BALLYMORE REDEVELOPMENT –QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

- as a facility close to the Brisbane CBD, Ballymore has a unique character and contains a significant quantity of open space. This redevelopment will assist in further demonstrating the value of retaining open space for sport and recreation in urban areas.
  - additional facilities for community use to service the needs of inner North Brisbane. The Department will work with the QRU to ensure community access and usage is prioritised. Community use of existing sport and recreation facilities is a priority of the Queensland Government to ensure efficient use of resources particularly in the face of decreasing land availability in Brisbane.
  - the redevelopment complements the needs of other sports such as the Queensland Cricket Centre of Excellence and provides an opportunity to address duplication of facilities which is neither viable nor sustainable in the long term. For instance the indoor pool could be utilised for State/National teams training and recovery while also being available for community needs such as learn to swim.
  - the redevelopment is considered low impact for local residents and is targeted at enhancing the future business development opportunities for the QRU.
9. The Department believes the above opportunities warrant the allocation of funding, subject to the execution of a funding agreement, the agreement to provide community access to the facilities and include significant signage and acknowledgement of the Queensland Government support for the redevelopment.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

10. The QRU is seeking \$1.4 million per year for three years to fund a staged redevelopment. The Major Facilities Program has recently been increased with an allocation of \$30 million per round and \$1.4 million can be allocated from the next rounds of the Major Facilities Program to fund this initiative. This will reduce the available funds in the Major Facilities Program to \$28.6 million per round.
11. Given the total grant is \$4.2 million (GST exclusive) Executive Council approval will be required for the expenditure.

Continuation of DSR Ministerial Submission

**SUBJECT: BALLYMORE REDEVELOPMENT –QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

**RECOMMENDATION/S:**

12. That the Minister:

- i approve funding of \$4.2 million (GST exclusive) over three years be allocated to the Queensland Rugby Union for the redevelopment of Ballymore;
- ii note that the Department of Sport and Recreation will develop and execute a funding agreement with the Queensland Rugby Union to administer the funding; and
- iii note that the Department of Sport and Recreation will prepare an Executive Council Minute for approval of the expenditure.

Content of submission approved by Ben Klaassen, Director Program and Industry Development on 8 July 2008.

**Tracy O'Bryan**  
**A/Executive Director**  
**Department of Sport and Recreation**

Contact Officer:  
Craig Matheson  
A/Deputy Director General  
Strategy and Policy  
Telephone 340 43323  
8 July 2008