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SUBJECT

Proposed State Tennis Centre and the RNA Showground Redevelopment Proposal

BACKGROUND

The Royal National Association (RNA) has presented a masterplan concept for its RNA showground site on the inner northern fringe of Brisbane to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. The masterplan was featured on page 1 of *The Courier-Mail* on 9 July 2003 and was reported to include an 8000 seat multi purpose event hall and a 14 court tennis complex.

Sport and Recreation Queensland (SRQ) has been tasked with undertaking a competitive bid process for the development of a State Tennis Centre (STC) and associated commercial infrastructure at the Tennyson Power House (TPH) site at Yeerongpilly. This project is now termed the Tennyson Riverside Development (TRD).

Tennis Queensland (TQ) completed a strategic facilities plan in January 2001, which provides a basis for the future development of tennis facilities in Queensland. SRQ has worked with TQ and the Brisbane City Council (BCC) to progress a State Strategy for the development of tennis since 1999 to address a decline in the availability of community tennis facilities.

CURRENT STATUS

The RNA originally presented a masterplan to Government in May 2001 depicting a 6000 seat, multipurpose, retractable roof event hall in a tennis configuration. The masterplan also depicted a 14 court complex with hotel and residential development on an adjacent site, across St Paul's Terrace.

The 2003 RNA Masterplan has not been reviewed by SRQ. However, based on media reports, the tennis component appears not to be an acceptable alternative STC proposal to the proposed TRD. The main reasons for this are:

- a STC may require at least 22 courts to have an adequate event staging capability. The RNA proposal suggests a 14 court development;
- the 2001 RNA proposal requires displacement of the Fortitude Valley Primary School. This has previously been ruled out by Government and is unlikely to succeed if part of the current proposal;
- the RNA proposal seeks a Government capital expenditure contribution, whilst it is proposed the TRD will be achieved with no capital cost to Government; and
- TQ has stated its preferred location for a STC is the TPH site.

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RECOMMENDATION

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