

**Recommendation**

That the Minister, following consideration of the Final Assessment Report, agrees to:

- designate the site (Lot 2 SP240672 and Lot 1 SP215437) known as Caboolture East State School and Caboolture Early Years Centre as community infrastructure in the Minister's capacity as designating Minister under section 200 of the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*;
- approve the attached notice (**Attachment D**) to be published in the Queensland Government Gazette; and
- sign:
  - the Notice of a Ministerial designation (**Attachment D**);
  - letter to the Director-General, Department of Education, Training and Employment (**Attachment E**);
  - letter to the Director-General, Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (**Attachment F**);
  - letter to the Moreton Bay Regional Council (**Attachment G**);
  - letter to the State Member of Parliament (**Attachment H**);
  - letter to the Federal Member of Parliament (**Attachment I**); and
  - letter to Director-General, Department of Natural Resources and Mines (**Attachment J**).

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**MINISTERIAL BACKBENCH LIAISON RESPONSE – Information regarding the completion of the Kuraby State School Administration Building**

- The Project includes construction of facilities in two stages:
  - Stage 1 – Construction of a New Administration Block is expected to be completed in June 2014.
  - Stage 2 - Conversion of the existing Administration Block to classrooms expected to be completed in September 2014.
- The new administration block building will be officially opened as soon as possible after completion.

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## MINISTERIAL BACKBENCH LIAISON RESPONSE – Caboolture Special School new classrooms

- The Department of Education, Training and Employment installed three two-space Special Education Unit Relocatable classrooms to Caboolture Special School over the December 2013/January 2014 school vacation ready for start of school 2014.
- The buildings are fully air-conditioned and connected together by verandas and paths to provide connectivity back to the main school.
- The locations of the building on the school site have been chosen in conjunction with the school principal to allow for future facilities and green space for play areas.
- The three buildings have been installed at an approximate cost of \$2.4 million, however final costs are yet to be determined.
- An eight space two-storey classroom building was provided to the school previously for the start of the 2012 school year at a cost of \$3.9 million.
- A relief school is a new school built to relieve enrolments at an existing school that is anticipated to grow or has grown beyond the ideal student population.

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**MINISTERIAL BACKBENCH LIAISON RESPONSE – Tree clearing and dust issue – Highfields State High School**

- The new high school is being developed on a constrained site. This is due in part to council's requirement that a 13 metre setback be provided along O'Brien Road to allow for a future road widening to four lanes.
- As building works affect almost the entire site it has not been practical to retain vegetation around the perimeter as suggested by s.47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
- It is the Department of Education, Training and Employment's intention to landscape around the buildings and to re-establish the site with more suitable vegetation that will provide a safe and sustainable environment for staff and students while enhancing the visual amenity of the school.
- Since being notified about dust complaints the contractor has increased the number of water trucks to further suppress dust on the site.
- Work on the site has been stopped on several occasions due to high winds and the subsequent increase of dust.
- The contractor has contacted several residents to discuss the issue and offer assistance.
- The Department of Environment and Heritage Protection has inspected the site and noted that a variety of dust mitigation measures were in place. Please refer to the attached letter (Ref: 14/102098).

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## Briefing Note

Chief of Staff

Office of Minister for Education, Training and Employment

**Action required: For Noting**

**Action required by: N/A**

**Routine** – Background information regarding correspondence from Hopgood Ganim lawyers on behalf of Western Wakka Wakka People in relation to the Highfields new school site

**SUBJECT: LETTER TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL FROM HOPGOOD GANIM ON BEHALF OF WESTERN WAKKA WAKKA PEOPLE REGARDING THE HIGHFIELDS NEW SCHOOL SITE**

### Summary of key objectives

- To provide background information regarding the response to Hopgood Ganim in relation to concerns raised by their clients, the Western Wakka Wakka People regarding consultation on the new Highfields school site.

### Key issues

- The Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) is currently constructing a new secondary school at Highfields in Toowoomba. Work commenced on site in January 2014 and is required to open for the 2015 school year.
- The Minister for Education, Training and Employment designated this site for community infrastructure on 27 November 2013.
- During the designation process, DETE requested a search of the Cultural Heritage database and register for the affected property from the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs (DATSIMA)
- The Department was advised by DATSIMA that no Aboriginal cultural heritage is recorded on the database and register for the site.
- The Department also employed consultants to conduct an Environmental Assessment report for the site which includes assessment of cultural heritage impacts. The report assesses the site against the Duty of Care Guidelines and concluded that *"due to the previous clearing conducted on the site, it would be classified as Category 4 under the ACHA Duty Of Care Guidelines. In accordance with the guidelines it is considered generally unlikely that the activity will harm Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and subject to the measures set out in paragraphs 5.6 – 5.12 of the guidelines, it is reasonable and practicable that the activity proceeds without further cultural heritage assessment"*.
- Given the advice from DATSIMA and the advice in the Environmental Assessment Report, DETE considers that there is an overall low risk of harm to cultural heritage and as such there is no requirement to consult further with the local aboriginal party.

### Implications

- While DETE considers it has complied with all required legislation, there is a risk of negative publicity from the local aboriginal parties, one of these being the Western Wakka Wakka People.



**Recommendation**

That the Chief of Staff:

- **Note** the background information provided to support the response to Hopgood Ganim from the Director-General.

**NOTED**

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## Briefing Note

The Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP  
Minister for Education, Training and Employment

**Action required: For Approval and with correspondence**

**Action required by: 18 March 2014**

**Urgent** – Approval of funding arrangements for the Runaway Bay Sport and Leadership Excellence Centre upgrade is requested for the Department is to achieve construction commencement in May 2014 (Capital Works Project Number 34-138690).

### SUBJECT: RUNAWAY BAY SPORT AND LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE CENTRE UPGRADE

#### Summary of key objectives

- The Runaway Bay Sport and Leadership Excellence Centre (RBSLEC) requires an urgent upgrade to its track and field if it is to attract continued patronage into the future. Centre patrons include State Schooling, national and international sporting teams, elite sportspersons and the wider community.
- The RBSLEC has been identified by the Gold Coast City Council and the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation (GOLDOC) as a high performance sport destination, with plans for the Centre to serve as one of the dedicated training facilities in the lead up to, and during, the Commonwealth Games 2018.
- The Minister's approval is sought in order to seek a co-commitment of funding for the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) for the upgrade to the RBSLEC track and field from three key entities:
  - the Gold Coast City Council (**Attachment 6**) in response to a letter received by the Director, RBSLEC, from Council (**Attachment 4**);
  - the local Federal Member, the Honourable Stuart Robert MP, Member For Fadden, and Assistant Minister for Defence (**Attachment 7**), in response to an email received by the Director, RBSLEC (**Attachment 5**), and,
  - GOLDOC (**Attachment 3**), as the future recipient of Commonwealth Games funding.

#### Key issues

1. The RBSLEC is required to generate revenue. To generate revenue, the RBSLEC requires facilities which are suitable to attract State Schooling, local, national and international sporting teams, elite sportspersons and the wider community as clients. DETE recognises that the facility has reached a stage where a significant upgrade is required if it is to attract continued patronage in the future.
2. The Department currently has a Capital Works budget of \$1.5 million allocated to support the upgrade project which has been costed at approximately \$3.5 million.
3. Consideration is required to seek an urgent budget increase or a funding co-commitment from other Commonwealth Games 2018 entities, such as the Gold Coast City Council, GOLDOC or the Federal Government, in order to commence the preferred option upgrade to the track and field.
4. The track upgrade needs to be undertaken in the dry months and therefore is scheduled to commence in May 2014, subject to funding negotiations and approval.
5. The Department commenced a review of RBSLEC in December 2013 to assess the financial performance and physical condition, functionality and capacity of the site.



6. The review will assess the existing financial forecasts and evaluate the financial sustainability of RBSLEC to identify short, medium and long-term strategies to improve the financial outlook and to implement monitoring processes to ensure the execution of the strategies and the overall performance of the facility in terms of return on investment.
7. A final report regarding the findings of the review is scheduled for May 2014.

#### Implications

8. If the track and field upgrade is not undertaken, the key implication for the RBSLEC will be the continued reduction in revenue due to the further deterioration of the track and field.
9. The RBSLEC may not be able to attract any national or international high performance sporting teams for Gold Coast based training camps and acclimatisation programs in the lead up to the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Nor will the RBSLEC be considered as a dedicated training facility for the Commonwealth Games 2018. This will impact significantly on future revenue for the Centre.
10. Due consideration must be given to the current review of the RBSLEC, the long-term financial implications for the Centre and its ability to attract and retain patrons based on the quality of the facilities provided at the Centre.

#### Background

11. An instruction was provided to Capital Works Delivery, Infrastructure Services Branch, DETE, to draft a letter to the Gold Coast City Council seeking a funding co-commitment to the proposed upgrade to the RBSLEC track and field.
12. A specialist consultant has undertaken a Condition Assessment (**Attachment 1**) and Feasibility Study (**Attachment 2**) of the track and field and provided the Department with two upgrade options with associated high level cost estimates.
13. The Department has chosen a preferred option and the high level cost estimate is approximately \$3.5 million (**Attachment 2** – Option 1 Consolidation of Athletics Facilities). The Condition Assessment, Feasibility Report and subsequent preferred option has been evaluated by an independent expert and is considered to represent value for money for the Department (**Attachment 3** – Value for Money Review).
14. The Department currently has a Capital Works budget of \$1.5 million for the project and requires either an urgent budget increase or a funding co-commitment from other Commonwealth Games 2018 entities, such as the Gold Coast City Council, GOLDOC or the Federal Government, in order to commence the preferred option upgrade to the track and field. Capital Works Delivery has created draft letters in order to seek a co-commitment of funding for the Department for the upgrade to the RBSLEC track and field to three key entities:
  - the Gold Coast City Council (**Attachment 6**) in response to a letter received by the Director, RBSLEC, from Council (**Attachment 4**);
  - the local Federal Member, the Honourable Stuart Robert MP, Member For Fadden, Assistant Minister for Defence (**Attachment 7**), in response to an email received by the Director, RBSLEC (**Attachment 5**); and
  - GOLDOC (**Attachment 8**), as the future recipient of Commonwealth Games funding (as a Department initiated letter and not as a response).

#### Right to information

16. I am of the view that the contents or attachments contained in this brief are **not suitable** for publication.

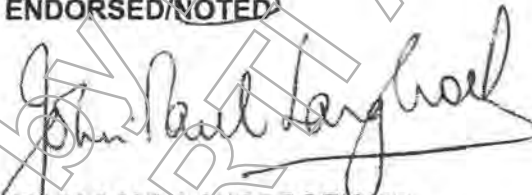
**Recommendation**

That the Minister

- **Note** the Department has initiated a review to assess the financial performance and physical condition, functionality and capacity of Runaway Bay Sport and Leadership Excellence Centre (RBSLEC);
- **Note** that there is insufficient funding in the DETE Capital Works budget to upgrade the RBSLEC track and field;
- **Approve** the Department seeking co-commitment of funding for the upgrade to the RBSLEC track and field from three external entities; and
- **Sign** the attached letters to:
  - The Gold Coast City Council (**Attachment 6**);
  - the local Federal Member, the Honourable Stuart Robert MP, Member For Fadden, Assistant Minister for Defence (**Attachment 7**); and
  - GOLDOC (**Attachment 8**).

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**MINISTERIAL BACKBENCH LIAISON RESPONSE – Albany Creek State High School  
Performing Arts Centre**

- Contract awarded to ICD (Integrated Construction and Development Group P/L) on 22 August 2013.
- Construction tender amount is s.47(3)(b) - Contrary to Public Interest
- Forecast contractual completion date 2 May 2014.
- Currently construction is about two weeks behind but all aspects of construction are proceeding well.
- Projected handover early June 2014.

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**MINISTERIAL BACKBENCH LIAISON RESPONSE – Camooweal State School  
(Mr Robbie Katter MP, Member for Mount Isa)**

- The Smart Schools Subsidy (SSS) Scheme is offered annually to contribute to the cost of school managed facility projects that enhance educational outcomes for the students and wider school community.
- The program is initiated to fund capital works that fall outside the scope of other capital works programs offered by the Department of Education, Training and Employment.
- Camooweal State School was successful in obtaining funding under the SSS Scheme for the 2014–15 financial year for an Entrance to the School project.
- The project includes the provision of new concrete pathways, improved fencing and a new school sign board at the entrance to the school.
- Benefits of the project include improved accessibility to the school, in particular for parents with prams, and wheelchair access, in addition to greater visibility of the front access to the school.
- The project has an estimated total cost of \$50,000, with \$44,521 funded through the SSS Scheme and the remainder from existing school funds.
- The school has approval to expedite the project to the 2013–14 financial year as funding for the project is secured and the school is keen to commence the program of works.

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**MINISTERIAL BACKBENCH LIAISON RESPONSE – Oval construction at Gumdale State School**

- A master planning exercise has been completed for the Gumdale State School.
- An officer from the Department will contact the school by early April to commence the briefing exercise for the first stage of the master plan which includes the oval facility.
- The Department has focused on the provision of Year 7 to Secondary infrastructure to ensure the smooth transition in 2015.
- Progress of the project will be subject to funding availability.
- Majority of funding under the annual Capital Works Program is directed towards government initiatives and growth projects.

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**MINISTERIAL BACKBENCH LIAISON RESPONSE – Isis Kindergarten capital funding to acquire new site**

Updated: 28/03/2014

- The Department of Education, Training and Employment has no plans to use the land that the Isis Kindergarten is located on to accommodate Year 7 students.
- Due to the importance of this service and the benefits it provides to the Childers community, the Department supports the operation of the Isis Kindergarten on the Isis District State High School site.
- The funding of a replacement kindergarten facility is considered under the annual Capital Works Program.
- The 2014-15 Capital Works Program is currently being formulated.
- Funding under the annual Capital Works Program funds new kindergarten services.
- Unfortunately, modest growth in the area does not support the expansion of the kindergarten service.
- An officer from the Department will arrange a visit to the site in the coming weeks to discuss the facilities concerns with the Director of the service
- For consideration of the Isis Kindergarten proposal to establish a new service they can contact David Shearer, Director, Program Management Funding and Performance, Office of Early Childhood and Education on telephone number 3239 0530 or by e-mail at [David.Shearer@dete.qld.gov.au](mailto:David.Shearer@dete.qld.gov.au).

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**MINISTERIAL BACKBENCH LIAISON RESPONSE – Update on the status of Narangba Valley State School application for transportable building**

- The application for the transportable building has been approved today (28 February 2014).
- The building will take approximately eight weeks to deliver and is expected to cost approximately \$500,000.
- Narangba Valley State School will be advised of the outcome of their application in due course.

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**MINISTERIAL BACKBENCH LIAISON RESPONSE – Rebuilding Program for Wellers Hill Primary School building and seeking funding assistance from DETE for school hall (Ian Kaye MP, Member for Greenslopes)**

- Consultants have been commissioned and the design for the building replacement is currently underway in conjunction with the School and P&C. Design is scheduled to be finalised by 14 March 2014.
- Tender documentation is scheduled for completion on 19 May 2014 and the Tender call is planned for 2 June 2014.
- Construction of the new building is forecast to commence in August 2014 and finish in June 2015.
- The school may wish to consider the Smart Schools Subsidy (SSS) Scheme for the hall upgrade project. The SSS Scheme provides subsidy assistance for Queensland state schools to undertake capital works projects that fall outside the scope of other capital works programs offered by the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE).
- The program is offered annually and aims to contribute to the cost of school infrastructure projects that enhance learning outcomes for students and the wider school community.
- All Queensland state schools are eligible to seek funding for infrastructure projects valued above \$50,000. The maximum subsidy that can be awarded for any project is \$500,000 (adjusted by the State Locality Index).
- The level of funding is determined using a Contributions Calculator that splits the total project cost between the SSS Scheme and the School, according to the schools' ABS rating, State Locality Index and the total student enrolment.
- The SSS Scheme Program Coordinator can be contacted on telephone 3034 4854 or by email at [sssscheme.facilities@dete.qld.gov.au](mailto:sssscheme.facilities@dete.qld.gov.au) for further information.

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## Briefing Note

The Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP  
Minister for Education, Training and Employment

### Action required: For Approval

#### Action required by: 28 March 2014

**Critical** – Approval is required by 28 March 2014 to maintain the program and enable the contractor to have the proposed works completed by the start of the 2016 school year.

## SUBJECT: MINISTERIAL DESIGNATION FOR BRISBANE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

### Summary of key objectives

- The scope of planned works is the redevelopment of Brisbane State High School (SHS) including the Year 7 intake.
- To request the Minister to consider and approve the proposed Ministerial designation of the site for development as community infrastructure, being the Brisbane SHS.
- Ministerial designation of this site is required before a construction contract can be awarded to a building contractor.

### Key issues

1. There are limited areas for new building platforms on the school site. The location of this new building is at the northern end of the lower campus bounding Cordelia, Glenelg and Merivale Streets.
2. A transitional arrangement is required to accommodate Year 7 into Brisbane SHS. The proposal involves delivery of 43 General Learning Area (GLA) spaces and associated amenities and car parking. Decanting and temporary accommodation is also required for the Year 7 intake at the start of the 2015 school year.
3. This submission seeks Ministerial approval for the Ministerial Designation of the subject land, with the effect that the use of the site for purposes consistent with the designation will not be assessable under the local government's planning scheme.
4. The Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) has undertaken the environmental assessment investigations and community consultation requirements outlined in the *Guidelines about Environmental Assessment and Public Consultation Procedures for Designating Land for Community Infrastructure*, (the "Guidelines"). The Guidelines provide a documented six-step process for a community infrastructure designation.

### Reasons for Designation

5. Section 201 of the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (SPA) provides that land may be designated for community infrastructure only if the Minister is satisfied the community infrastructure will -
  - (a) facilitate the implementation of legislation and policies about environmental protection or ecological sustainability; or
  - (b) facilitate the efficient allocation of resources; or
  - (c) satisfy statutory requirements or budgetary commitments of the State or local government for the supply of community infrastructure; or
  - (d) satisfy the community's expectations for the efficient and timely supply of the infrastructure.



6. The proposed works at Brisbane SHS is considered essential community infrastructure benefiting the community. Enabling the redevelopment of Brisbane SHS to be delivered as exempt development through a Ministerial Designation will minimise the requirements for external approvals and enable the efficient allocation of resources and committed budget; and satisfy the community's expectations for the timely construction of the facility, with the earliest possible operational commencement.
7. The matters that the Minister must consider before designating land for community infrastructure are outlined in **Attachment A**.
8. The Final Assessment Report (FAR) at **Attachment C** details the environmental assessment investigations and public consultation undertaken. The FAR includes the following information for consideration:
  - List of Parties Notified as part of Consultation Phases (at Section 10.2);
  - Extracts from the SPA in relation to Ministerial Designation (at Appendix 1);
  - Title search for the Site (at Appendix 3);
  - Proposal Plans (Appendix 4);
  - Copy of published Public Notice of the Proposed Designation (at Appendix 14);
  - Copies of all Submissions Received (at Appendix 11, Appendix 12 and Appendix 13); and
  - Summary and Account of Submissions (at Table 1 and Table 2).

#### Implications

9. A media release is not required.
10. Should the Minister approve the designation of the land, the Notice will be placed in the Government Gazette.
11. The budget for this project has been capped at \$55 million (exclusive of GST). Over the forward estimates there is insufficient capital to meet all identified requirements. Commitment to this project will require reprioritisation of other projects unless capital funding is supplemented in the future.
12. There are no legal implications.

#### Background

13. Approval to commence the Ministerial Designation process in relation to the land described as Lot 1 on SP247473, Lot 10 on SP237735, Lot 227 on SP237719, Lots 1 & 2 on RP1442 and Lots 6 & 7 on RP1441 and known as the Brisbane State High school was granted on 10 June 2013 (Ref: 13/175207).
14. The affected local government is Brisbane City Council.
15. The site is owned by the Queensland Government (as represented by DETE) and is known as the Brisbane SHS.
16. A copy of the Initial Assessment Report about the proposed Ministerial designation was provided to the relevant local Councillor and state and federal parliamentary Members.
17. Departmental responses have been framed in good faith and, wherever possible, in consultation with respondents. Some issues will be considered further during detailed design of the facility.
18. DETE considers that adequate account has been taken of issues raised by submitters.
19. If the Minister designates land, the Minister must undertake procedures in accordance with s208 of the SPA as documented in **Attachment B**. In particular, the following actions should be noted:

- The Ministerial Designation will proceed by way of publication of the Notice of Designation in the Government Gazette, and take effect from the date of publication. A draft Notice of Designation is provided at **Attachment D**;
- The Minister is required to give notice of the designation to the land owner, the local government and the Chief Executive of the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning. Draft letters to satisfy this requirement are provided at **Attachments E-I**.

#### Document List

20. Legislation and planning instruments relevant to the submission for the Minister's consideration to which reference is made relevant to issues of fact includes:
- a) *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (available at <http://www.dsdip.qld.gov.au/planning-and-development/sustainable-planning-act-2009.html>)
  - b) *Brisbane City Council City Plan 2000* (available at <http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/planning-building/planning-guidelines-and-tools/city-plan-zones-codes/city-plan-2000-document/index.htm>)
  - c) *Guidelines about Environmental Assessment and Public Consultation Procedures for Designating Land for Community Infrastructure*, dated December 2006 (available at <http://www.dsdip.qld.gov.au/integrated-planning-act/community-infrastructure-designation.html>)

#### Right to information

21. I am of the view that the contents or attachments contained in this brief are suitable for publication.

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**Recommendation**

That the Minister, following consideration of the Final Assessment Report:

- **Designates** the site (Lot 1 on SP247473, Lot 10 on SP237735, Lot 227 on SP237719, Lots 1 & 2 on RP1442 and Lots 6 & 7 on RP1441) known as (the Brisbane State High School) as community infrastructure in the Minister's capacity as designating Minister under section 200 of the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*;
- **Approves** the attached notice (**Attachment D**) to be published in the Queensland Government Gazette;
- **Signs:**
  - a) the Notice of a Ministerial Designation (**Attachment D**);
  - b) letter to the Director-General, Department of Education, Training and Employment (**Attachment E**);
  - c) letter to the Director-General, Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (**Attachment F**);
  - d) letter to the Brisbane City Council (**Attachment G**);
  - e) letter to the state Member of Parliament (**Attachment H**);
  - f) letter to the federal Member of Parliament (**Attachment I**); and
- **Notes** that the budget for this project has been capped at \$55 million (exclusive of GST). Over the forward estimates there is insufficient capital to meet all identified requirements. Commitment to this project will require reprioritisation of other projects unless capital funding is supplemented in the future.

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## Briefing Note

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**Action required: For noting and advice**

**Action required by: 08/04/2014 April 2014**

**Urgent** – Information to support the Ministerial meeting with the Principal and Parents and Citizens' Association of Brisbane Central State School.

**SUBJECT: BRISBANE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL**

### Summary of key objectives

- A master planning exercise was commenced to determine the future needs of Brisbane Central State School (BCSS) and this process has identified two options to inform the future direction of the school.
- The BCSS Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) has indicated their exclusive support for the option which provides for the full re-unification of BCSS with the old Queensland Health site/former BCSS building.
- The Department of Education, Training and Employment has not yet taken possession of the Queensland Health site due to the need for Queensland Health's ongoing occupancy. It is essential for a determination as to the future educational use of the site to be made so departmental planning can progress.
- To seek the Minister's determination of the future direction of the BCSS site.

### Key issues

1. BCSS operates on a relatively small inner-city site. Enrolments at the school have increased from just over 100 students in 1997 to almost 260 students in 2014.
2. The BCSS catchment has expanded this year to incorporate part of the former Fortitude Valley State School's (FVSS) catchment area, following the closure of that school at the end of the 2013 school year. Fifteen students from the former FVSS have enrolled at BCSS.
3. Overall in 2014, BCSS enrolments have increased by approximately 50 students from the start of the 2013 school year. Additional classroom accommodation is required as a result of this increased level of enrolment.
4. The BCSS community has long lobbied for the 'reunification' of BCSS involving the return of the former infants' school building that was transferred to Queensland Health in 1965.
5. Given the P&C's commitment to the return of the former school building and land, they did not support the provision of a hire building or other temporary classroom accommodation for 2014. Alternative accommodation arrangements were agreed at a meeting on 12 December 2013 where representatives of the P&C were in attendance. This involved relocating the library, and reconfiguring other spaces for classroom purposes as an interim measure to accommodate the additional enrolments.

6. Apart from educational requirements, the key issues for the school's P&C are:

- the heritage significance of the site;
  - a request that revenue derived from the closure of FVSS be directed towards the BCSS re-unification project;
  - incorporation of the FVSS catchment into the catchment of BCSS resulting in a reduced need to redevelop New Farm State School which is also on a relatively small inner-city site with heritage issues;
  - challenging the forecast demographic figures for the school as these do not reflect what is happening in Spring Hill and surrounding suburbs where there are families in high density housing; and
  - a need to improve safety for students, staff and parents who access the school.
7. Feedback from initial master planning discussions has indicated that the P&C only supports a master plan option which details the full re-unification of BCSS.
8. The P&C is of the opinion the old Queensland Health Facility will revert to the school in full in 2014, which will provide the necessary solutions to their longer term accommodation needs.
9. The Director, Capital Works Planning has placed further public engagement on the Master Planning exercise on hold until a decision around the future of the old Queensland Health Facility site is finalised.
10. The Department has engaged an independent architect due to concerns expressed by the P&C around heritage knowledge and the results from the master planning exercise to date.
11. The Department's architect has progressed the master planning exercise and has also consulted a heritage architect. The architect has provided preliminary options for the master plan, based on the Department's brief to provide a combination of additional accommodation and upgrading of key core areas. A determination on the future direction for the site is required to enable progression to more detailed site planning.
13. On 3 December 2013, [redacted] of the P&C sent representations to the Premier requesting support to retain the site for future growth. On 4 December 2013, the Premier's electorate office sought advice from the Minister's office in order to respond to [redacted] representations and a response letter was sent from the Minister on 17 February 2014.
14. [redacted] letter included an assessment of the number of units that are under construction or planned within the BCSS and former FVSS's catchments. Based on this analysis, [redacted] predicts an additional 155 students in the Brisbane Central catchment and 218 students in the Fortitude Valley catchment by 2017.
15. These figures are above projections of resident students prepared by the Government statistician, which estimates a growth of around 40 students in the Brisbane Central catchment and 70 students in the Fortitude Valley catchment by 2031. The number of state school students residing in the adjusted Brisbane Central catchment is projected to peak at around 300 students.
16. Given the uncertainty regarding the student yield rate from high density housing, the Department is taking a conservative/future-proofing approach by planning for a long-term student capacity of between 500 and 550 students. In 2014, the school enrolled almost 260 students.



17. Upon completion of the public engagement and planning process, the Minister may be requested to approve the final master plan and with it, approve any resulting excision of land if applicable.
18. The Department does not yet own the Queensland Health site. A contract was signed in 2013 with settlement expected in June 2014. Queensland Health has recently indicated that it is still providing services out of the facility and is seeking an extension to settlement date, as late as December 2014. If this extension was to be granted, the Department would not be able to reconfigure the existing building in readiness for the 2015 school year.
19. The Department has indicated to Queensland Health that if the building is to be required for 2015, vacant possession is required by July 2014. As such a settlement extension has been agreed upon to 30 June 2014.
20. St Joseph's Gregory Terrace (Terrace) has expressed significant interest in acquiring all or part of the Queensland Health site which adjoins their current Year 10 building (the former RACQ headquarters) to expand their school capacity by doubling their junior year level enrolments.
21. Terrace has engaged architects and has had building concepts developed for potential use of the site. It has expressed a willingness to share use of any facilities it ultimately develops on the site with BCSS students.
22. Terrace is also seeking direction with regard to the Queensland Health site so that it can commence making plans for either development on the site or taking other strategic direction with regard to its infrastructure requirements.
23. The Department is not privy to Terrace's planning for alternative options. Discussions with the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning's Government Land and Asset Management (GLAM) Division have indicated that there may be other surplus government land in the vicinity that may or may not be of interest to Terrace.

#### Implications

24. During the master planning process, it has become evident that there are two main options available for consideration:
  - Option 1** – retain all of the recently acquired Queensland Health site for future proofing and development of BCSS; or
  - Option 2** – excise a portion of the recently acquired Queensland Health site for sale to Terrace.
25. There are significant cost implications for the Department under both options that are currently unbudgeted. Preliminary cost estimates based on the recently prepared master plan options, with an allowance for heritage issues, indicate a total cost in the vicinity of \$11.5 million.
26. Terrace is supportive of Option 2; however, it is believed that many of the parents accessing Gregory Terrace do not live in the local catchment or electorate. There is a risk that this option may result in negative media coverage from the BCSS community.
27. The P&C are adamant that the school should retain the site therefore are only interested in Option 1.
28. There is potential for the site to be shared; however, the cost implications for the Department are significant given the limited building envelope and the need to develop a building that would cater for the higher end of the forecast enrolment range into the future. An estimate provided by an independent quantity surveyor based on a concept plan has the cost for the new building at BCSS on part of the Queensland Health site at approximately \$6.5 million.



29. While these costs would be partially offset by the sale of part of the site to Terrace, the impact is that the Department would be expending more funding on this site than the current enrolment requirements would dictate.
30. The lower cost option for the Department is for the former Infant's School building to be refurbished in order to future proof the BCSS for the medium term. The current estimates are these works may amount to \$1 million to \$2 million. This option does not assist Terrace to expand its enrolment capacity.

### Background

31. The P&C has lobbied for the reunification of the school for many years.
32. The local state member, the Member for Brisbane Central, has previously supported this project and has provided a newsletter to the community to this end (**Attachment 1**).
33. On 26 July 2013, the Minister for Education, Training and Employment approved the purchase of the old Queensland Health Facility which was once a part of BCSS. The purchase of the old Queensland Health Facility is due to be finalised in June 2014.
34. In conjunction with the approval to purchase the site, a master planning exercise was also approved to determine future requirements for BCSS.
35. Terrace has indicated its interest to the Minister and the local member in a portion or the entire Queensland Health site to meet the school's desire to double its enrolment intake in its junior school.
36. Following earlier advice from the local member to the community that the site was being returned to BCSS, the local member has recently proposed that the site has potential to service both BCSS and Terrace.
37. On 24 October 2013, the first meeting of the BCSS master planning exercise occurred. This meeting was attended by the Director, Capital Works Planning, a departmental architect, a Regional Officer, the school's Principal, school staff and P&C representatives.
38. On 30 October 2013, the Minister noted commencement of Master Planning exercise (Ref: 13/349572).
39. The P&C has advised their community that they have been successful in the re-unification of BCSS, and did not want to see any part of the reunified site lost to the school.
40. The master planning exercise meeting was not successful in addressing a number of key issues for the P&C and it was evident that it will be extremely difficult to proceed with planning until a determination is made regarding the Queensland Health site.
41. The BCSS is a heritage site and accordingly, is significant to education in Queensland. The main school building was constructed in 1874.
42. The Department has commissioned a Heritage and Conservation Report through Building Asset Services, which will also investigate other town planning issues. However, this report is not yet available. Verbal advice from the heritage architect has indicated that the trees, vista of the 1874 building, the retaining walls, and gutters are all of heritage interest.
43. The Department's Capital Works budget had not provisioned for the purchase of the Queensland Health site or has allocation for any new building to expand the capacity of the BCSS.
44. Terrace has indicated that it requires freehold title in order to develop on the site. It has expressed an interest to share facilities with BCSS should they be in a position to acquire all or part of the Queensland Health site and develop their new precinct.

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45. During discussions, Terrace has indicated a willingness to be involved in some level of joint development of the site or to afford BCSS students some use of new facilities on the Queensland Health building site into the future once developed. A high level of detail would be required to enter into such an agreement, and if the transfer of land is under freehold title as required by Terrace to secure funding, there are no guarantees that BCSS use could be assured into the future unless lease agreements were struck.

**Right to information**

46. I am of the view that the contents or attachments contained in this brief are not suitable for publication.

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**Recommendation**

That the Minister:

- **note** the history of the issues related to the BCSS and the former infant school building currently owned and occupied by Queensland Health;
- **consider** the two options outlined in this brief regarding the future use of the Queensland Health site adjacent to BCSS;
- **note** the financial implications of the options for the Department's capital works budget; and
- **advise** the Department of a preferred direction for the BCSS site so that public engagement on the master planning exercise can recommence:
  - Option 1** – retain all of the recently acquired Queensland Health site for future proofing and development of BCSS; or
  - Option 2** – excise a portion of the recently acquired Queensland Health site for sale to St Joseph's, Gregory Terrace (Terrace).

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## Briefing Note

The Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP  
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**Action required: For Noting**

**Action required by: N/A**

**Routine** – background information to support the Minister's meeting with Councillor Paul Antonio, Mayor of Toowoomba and Mrs Kym Stansbie, Principal, Wellcamp State School

### SUBJECT: MINISTER'S MEETING WITH MAYOR OF TOOWOOMBA AND PRINCIPAL OF WELLCAMP STATE SCHOOL

#### Summary of key objectives

- The Minister is meeting with Councillor Paul Antonio, Mayor of Toowoomba and Mrs Kym Stansbie, Principal of Wellcamp State School.
- The meeting is to discuss traffic issues and the purchase of surrounding land.
- Parents have expressed concerns regarding safe access to the school due to increased heavy vehicle traffic in the area.

#### Key issues

1. Wellcamp State School enrolments for 2014 have increased as a result of the closure of Charlton State School.
2. Parents of students at Wellcamp State School have expressed concerns with parking and drop-off/set-down due to increased enrolments and the increase of heavy traffic in the Wellcamp area due to increased development.
3. The Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) has recently provided additional accommodation to Wellcamp State School for the 2014 school year to support the increase in enrolments.
4. This additional accommodation is located at the site of the staff car park.
5. Currently staff cannot park on-site; however, a replacement staff car park is to be built after the replacement tennis court is completed.
6. The new staff car park will result in an increase of up to three to five staff car parks.
7. Wellcamp State School has sufficient land to meet the needs of the school now and into the future.
8. Consideration should be given to a land swap if additional land is required for the use of Council to create a student drop-off and pick-up area.

#### Implications

9. Funding within the current and future Capital Works Programs does not support the purchase of additional land at Wellcamp State School.

#### Background

10. Current enrolments at Wellcamp State School are 82 students (as at Day 8 enrolment collection), representing an increase of 19 students from 2013 enrolments (63 students).

- 11. Wellcamp State School is located on the intersection of Drayton Wellcamp and Wellcamp Westbrook Roads.
- 12. **Attachment 1** is a map of the school showing the location of the tennis courts and the staff car parking area.

**Right to information**

13. I am of the view that the contents or attachments contained in this brief **are suitable** for publication.

**Recommendation**

That the Minister:

**Note** the information provided to support his meeting with Councillor Paul Antonio, Mayor of Toowoomba and Mrs Kym Stansbie, Principal of Wellcamp State School.

**NOTED**



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**Action required: For Noting and Advice**

**Action required by: N/A**

**Routine** – Information provided for Minister's noting and advice.

### **SUBJECT: SUPPORTING GENDER DIVERSE AND SAME-SEX ATTRACTED STUDENTS: CONSIDERATIONS FOR PRINCIPALS**

#### **Summary of key objectives**

- To inform the Minister that the Supporting Gender Diverse and Same-Sex Attracted Students at School: Considerations for Principals document (**Attachment 1**) was ratified by the Executive Management Board (EMB) on 28 January 2014 and discussed at the Ministerial Issues Briefing held on 6 February 2014.
- To seek the Minister's advice on an appropriate release date.

#### **Key issues**

1. The Department has an obligation to ensure all students, including students who identify as gender diverse or same-sex attracted are able to access, participate and succeed in education.
2. There are frequent requests from schools for guidance on issues related to supporting gender diverse or same-sex attracted students.
3. The Department has therefore developed a guide for principals to provide support to schools to assist in their decision making where there are same-sex attracted, intersex or transgender students enrolled in their school. No formal advice or support has previously been developed or provided by the Department to support principals to develop their awareness and meet their legislative obligations under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*.
4. Principals, in consultation with the student and family, and local community where relevant, are in the best position to identify the most appropriate strategies and actions that suit their local context to provide an educational environment that is inclusive and free from discrimination.
5. The former Policy Statement: Supporting Gender Diverse and Same-Sex Attracted Students at School (**Attachment 2**) was developed to provide information to principals to assist in their decision-making where there are students who are same-sex attracted, intersex or transgender enrolled in their school.
6. The former policy statement was approved by the Assistant Director-General, State Schooling Operations and Strategy on 12 August 2013 and was uploaded to the departmental website on 16 August 2013 without Deputy Director-General, Education Queensland approval.
7. On 30 August 2013, the policy statement was removed from the departmental website to review the content and determine the format/purpose of the document.
8. The document has now been redrafted and the Supporting Gender Diverse and Same-Sex Attracted Students at School: Considerations for Principals has been ratified by EMB.
9. One of the main changes to the Supporting Gender Diverse and Same-Sex Attracted Students at School: Considerations for Principals document was the change to its status.