



## Minister for Education and Minister for Tourism and Major Events

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petition 2641-16 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 12 October 2016 regarding a proposal for a new indoor sports and hall facility to service the Mansfield State High School and Mansfield State School campuses.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) is committed to providing high quality infrastructure in state schools across Queensland to improve learning outcomes, including through the provision of multi-purpose halls wherever possible. I recognise that the delivery of a new multi-purpose sports hall is a high priority for Mansfield State High School, Mansfield State School and their local communities.

The first stage for advancing a request for a new multi-purpose sports hall is the completion of a School Strategic Infrastructure Plan (SSIP). This is a plan which should be developed by the Principal in consultation with the Parents and Citizens' Association and DET's Regional Office to prioritise the school's infrastructure requirements over the medium term. Mansfield State School currently has a finalised SSIP which has highlighted an extension of their current hall to become a multi-purpose facility. Mansfield State High School is currently working with the regional Infrastructure Advisor to finalise their SSIP.

These proposals are assessed by DET against a structured set of criteria and prioritised against other proposed investments from across the State. DET is focused on delivering the highest priority projects within the approved budget. This process is used to build short, medium and long term investment outlooks, subject to the funding approved through the State Budget process. SSIP nominations will be considered and prioritised in the development of next year's Infrastructure Investment Portfolio.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, I invite you to contact Mr Dave Baxter, Executive Director, Infrastructure Planning and Delivery, on telephone 3034 4836 or by email at [dave.baxter@det.qld.gov.au](mailto:dave.baxter@det.qld.gov.au).

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely



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