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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petition No. 3252-19 titled 'Support Townsville Sailing Club to create a world renowned Aquatic Sports Hub, keeping all aquatic sports active on The Strand' that was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 4 February 2020.

I note the views of the petitioners, commend their efforts and appreciate the passion for their club and their interest in the success of *Activate! Queensland 2019–2029*, the whole-of-government strategy that aims to enrich the Queensland way of life through physical activity and provide more opportunities for Queenslanders of all ages and all abilities to be physically active.

Following extensive consultation across the State, the Queensland Government announced *Activate! Queensland 2019–2029* in July 2019 and will invest \$1.3 billion over 10 years to improve opportunities for Queenslanders to get more Queenslanders moving, more often.

As part of the Activate Environments pillar of the strategy, the *Active Community Infrastructure* initiative is specifically designed to fund and deliver physical infrastructure solutions that respond to community needs, improve accessibility and inspire activity, and to develop physical activity spaces to be industry-leading, inspiring the community to be active, and is not designed for the purchase of land. I understand staff from the Department of Housing and Public Works have continued to meet with the Townsville Sailing Club to outline the initiative, and its guidelines and funding opportunities.

I encourage the Club and Townsville City Council to continue to explore options to secure other funding available to purchase land for the Club and the possible future of an aquatic hub in Townsville. I have requested staff from my department keep me informed of future developments.

Should Council or another entity purchase the land to support a water sports precinct, the Department of Housing and Public Works, through the Active Community Infrastructure initiative, would be able to consider investing in the development of infrastructure facilities that are well aligned with *Activate! Queensland*.

I hope this information answers your enquiry. Should you have any further queries in relation to this matter, please contact my office on (07) 3719 7270.

Yours sincerely

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