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Mr Neil Laurie  
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 25 October 2023 regarding petition 3901-23 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 24 October 2023 about the Redland Whitewater Centre proposed as part of Birkdale Community Precinct.

The Redland Whitewater Centre is earmarked to host the canoe slalom as part of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games (Brisbane 2032) and is being funded by the Australian and Queensland governments under the Brisbane 2032 intergovernmental agreement. The surrounding area is the responsibility of Redland City Council and the council has released a draft master plan for the Birkdale Community Precinct.

The proposed Redland Whitewater Centre will be developed as a sustainable international-standard whitewater venue, providing a unique addition to sport and recreation facilities for the Redlands community. Before and after the Games, the Redland Whitewater Centre will be used for high performance sport, sport development, active recreation and adventure tourism and will provide an opportunity for a year-round swift water training facility for emergency services personnel.

A Project Validation Report (PVR) is underway, which looks at a range of planning and delivery aspects, including service need, demand analysis, social impact and affordability. The PVR is expected to be completed in 2024 prior to the PVR being presented to the Queensland and Australian Governments for an investment decision.

In relation to conservation, as part of the sustainability report presented to the International Olympic Committee, the venue location was endorsed as it is outside of identified heritage boundaries and does not directly impact protected areas. Any requirements relating to koala habitats will be followed as part of the statutory planning process.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising this matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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