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John Lang
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Dear Mr Lang,

Thank you for your recent correspondence about a proposal for a boutique football stadium in Brisbane, with the suggestion that Perry Park be considered for this purpose. The Lord Mayor referred your inquiry to me as Civic Cabinet Chair for Economic Development and the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games (the Games) to provide a response.

We certainly support Brisbane having another boutique rectangular stadium in the long term, however, right now we are focused on other matters such as keeping costs down, building better transport and incentivising the delivery of more housing.

Regarding Perry Park, Council currently holds a lease over the site with the YMCA, who has a long-running sub-user agreement with Brisbane Strikers Football Club. Over the past decade, more than \$11 million has been invested into new club facilities and site upgrades to support a range of sports and activities at Perry Park. Council will continue to work closely with these clubs to support their ongoing use and growth at Perry Park.

Should a lessee come to Council in the future with a proposal to expand the size of the stadium, we would be happy to consider it.

There is another factor to consider. As you may be aware, the 60-day independent review into the Games' venue infrastructure is currently underway, led by former Lord Mayor, Graham Quirk. The review will assess the suitability of the current sports venue projects identified in the Games Master Plan, including both major sports venues, the Gabba and Brisbane Arena, and a number of minor sports venues across Brisbane and South East Queensland.

Recommendations from the review will be put forward to the Queensland Government to assist in future investment decisions, ensuring any new or upgraded venue projects are fit-for-purpose and deliver the best value for money for the community.

I understand a proposal for a new boutique stadium at Perry Park has been submitted to the 60-day venue infrastructure review.

Until the review is finalised and funding decisions are made by the State and Federal Governments, it would be premature for Council to make decisions on any new or upgraded venue projects in Brisbane.

I look forward to hearing the findings from the review, which are due to be presented to the Queensland Government this month.

Thank you for contacting me.

Yours sincerely

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Cr Krista Adams
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