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Queensland Government Response to the State Development, Infrastructure and Works Committee

*Report No. 13, 58th Parliament – Major Sports Facilities and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025*

Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games

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1. The Queensland Government notes the State Development, Infrastructure and Works Committee (the Committee) *Report No. 13 –Major Sports Facilities and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025* (the Report) contained the following three recommendations:
  - Recommendation 1 – That the Bill be passed.
  - Recommendation 2 – That the Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games (the Department) consult with the City of Gold Coast and other key stakeholders on any future amendments to the Major Sports Facilities Regulation 2014 (the Regulation) relating to the operation of special events at Carrara Stadium and Robina Stadium.
  - Recommendation 3 – That the Department monitor the effectiveness of increased penalty provisions, including any enforcement or compliance challenges, to ensure that the amendments achieve their desired outcomes and remain fit for purpose.
2. The Queensland Government thanks the Committee for its consideration of the Major Sports Facilities and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (the Bill).
3. The Queensland Government supports the Committee's Recommendation 2.
4. Pending passage of the Bill, the Department intends to set regulatory conditions for the operation of special events at Carrara Stadium and Robina Stadium through a future amendment to the Regulation. The Department will consult with key stakeholders including the City of Gold Coast, Stadiums Queensland, stadium operators and hirers and the local community during development of these regulatory conditions, to support the development of appropriate, fit-for-purpose regulatory conditions for the operation of special events at the stadia.
5. It should be noted that the Regulation is due to expire on 31 August 2026. As such, the development of regulatory conditions for the operation of special events at Carrara Stadium and Robina Stadium will be conducted as part of the broader sunset review of the Regulation, which must be completed and the Regulation remade by 1 September 2026.
6. The Queensland Government supports the Committee's Recommendation 3.
7. Pending passage of the Bill, the Department will seek to work with the Queensland Police Service and other relevant agencies (such as the Office of Fair Trading within the Department of Justice) to monitor the effectiveness of increased maximum penalties for unlawful ticket reselling under the *Major Sports Facilities Act 2001* and *Major Events Act 2014*, to support achievement of the objectives of the Bill.

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