



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION



Community benefits

The Q will be located at Purga, Ipswich near the Yamanto Shopping Village, at the junction of the Cunningham Highway, Centenary Highway, and the Ipswich/Boonah Road.

More than 1,000 new jobs will be created during construction of The Q. There will be ongoing opportunities for employment with the development of community and recreational facilities, including future hospitality venues and canine care services. Local businesses and industries will also benefit from the flow-on effect of the new entity formed from the membership of both clubs.

We're not just building a racing venue; we're creating a space that will be part of the community well into the future.

The Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) process

Infrastructure which supports the community such as The Q project can be assessed under the MID process and does not need a development approval from the Ipswich City Council. The assessment of the project is being managed by the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DSDILGP) and will be subject to a decision by the Minister.

Future commercially orientated complementary uses (which would be subject to a separate approval process) are noted on the [Indicative Master Plan factsheet](#). To inform the MID process, Racing Queensland has embarked on a comprehensive stakeholder and community engagement program.

Stakeholder and community feedback

Our design has been led by expert advice and leading academic research, so there are elements of the project that are non-negotiable. This includes aspects such as:

- Operational matters and facilities that will deliver significant advances in animal care;
- Working towards the long-term viability of the greyhound racing industry;
- The configuration of the three race tracks, grandstand, etc;
- The adoption of the expert recommendations for the project; and
- Veterinary support for racing dogs.

As part of the community consultation process, our Have Your Say survey asked people to share their thoughts about the following aspects of The Q and these have been taken into consideration in the project proposal that has been lodged with the State Government.

- Facilities and activities that are complementary to greyhound racing, training, etc, particularly community, sporting, recreation and park facilities;
- The extent to which facilities may complement or compete with retail, commercial and hospitality businesses in Yamanto;
- Supporting greyhound retirement;
- The timing and services provided by a veterinary clinic;
- The racing products that will enable wagering and media partners to promote the sport of greyhound racing as a premier offering;
- How the management/maintenance/ growth of the centre will be delivered;
- Internal access, circulation and car parking;
- The delivery of future development areas; and
- The availability of function and hospitality spaces for third parties.

Engagement timeline



STAGE 1: Initial advice

December 2020 - May 2021

An industry agreement is reached on the best approach for creating a world class complex that delivers community benefits.



Stage 2: Preliminary stakeholder engagement

July - August 2021

Preliminary information on the proposal is shared with stakeholders and the wider community, who are invited to share their feedback and suggestions for improvement.



Stage 3: Endorsement to seek an MID

August 2021

The feedback received is taken on board to refine the proposal and formal endorsement for the MID proposal is sought.



Stage 4: Lodgement of a MID proposal

October 2021

The MID proposal is formally lodged to the Minister.



Stage 5: Consultation by the Minister

December 2021 - January 2022

The Minister has engaged relevant State Government agencies and departments for their input.

From 10 January 2022 the public can lodge submissions directly with the Minister. Racing Queensland will continue to engage with stakeholders and the community to share relevant information and opportunities and to gather feedback up to Friday 11 February 2022.



Stage 6: Consideration of submissions and State agency comments

January - April 2022

All input is considered and included in Racing Queensland's final report to the Minister.



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Stage 7: Minister's decision

After assessing all information and feedback, the Minister reaches a final decision.



Need more info?

We would like say thank you to everyone who made a submission to the Government during the formal submission period, which ended on February 11, 2022. You can still ask for more information including information about the formal submission process via gbgc@racingqueensland.com.au.



To find out more information and share your thoughts on The Q:

Visit the website www.racingqueensland.com.au/gbgc

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