



The voice for sport in Queensland

2017 State Election Policy Platform

QSport – the Sports Federation of Queensland Inc. – is the major representative body for organised sport in Queensland, established to assist the development of sport in Queensland and currently comprised of 68 State sporting organisations and 48 associates covering specific aspects of sport and recreation across the State.

As such, it has been supported by successive State Governments and recognised as the sport sector's industry peak body (IPB) since its incorporation in 1993, providing advice on sport related policies and programs and assisting the development of the sector through building member capacity and promoting and recognising sports contribution to Queensland.

In excess of one million Queenslanders are estimated to participate regularly "on and off the field of play" in sport in the State, with hundreds of thousands of hours of volunteer support provided annually to some 7,000 sporting bodies at State, regional and club levels in this "for purpose, not for profit" sector.

Organised sport and government share the same fundamental objective of increasing participation by Queenslanders in sport and physical activity to enhance their health and wellbeing and that of the communities across the State in which they live and play sport.

Given all the above, QSport calls on Queensland political parties contesting the 2017 State election to build on the current level of government support by giving favourable consideration to enhance support via ways proposed overleaf.

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- ❑ Commitment to consult and collaborate with QSport as the government recognised industry peak body (IPB) for the sport sector in Queensland on policies and programs impacting on sport in Queensland, recognising QSport's role as advocate and "the voice for sport in Queensland".
- ❑ Commitment to maintain current overall annual budget allocation for sport, indexed for inflation, to support activity covered by sporting bodies in programs such as Get in the Game and its subsets, including assistance to ease costs of participation by individuals, and also infrastructure for both sport specific and more major multi –purpose use, with scope to investigate the need for a further State level indoor sports facility.
- ❑ Commitment to maintain current annual budget support beyond 2019-20 for activity covered by programs for QSport and member State sporting organisations (SSOs) such as the Industry Peak Body Program (IPB) and the State Development Program (SDP) respectively, with scope to review existing support arrangements and levels in 2018 and consider additional support for State and regional organisations not currently supported.
- ❑ Commitment to investigate ways to optimise resources available to incentivise and enhance participation eg payroll tax exemption for SSOs prepared to waive access to programs such as SDP to enable greater support for others less resourced.
- ❑ Commitment to consider enhancing overall allocations for IPB and SDP for 2018-19 onwards via reintroducing annual adjustments covering cpi movement.
- ❑ Commitment to maintain sponsorship for the annual State level promotion and recognition program for sport in Queensland, viz the Queensland Sport Awards/ Queensland Sport Hall of Fame, and consider support for a home for the Hall of Fame and selected related State and regional counterpart events.
- ❑ Commitment to further investigate ways to enhance linkages across government portfolio areas, viz education, health, local government and tourism, with a view to:
 - Further open opportunities for more sport and physical activity in schools, including access to school facilities.
 - Further promote healthy lifestyles via sport and physical activity.
 - Review leases and utility charges across local governments for sporting bodies.
 - Further promote economic enhancement / job creation via sporting events, including in regional and rural areas.
- ❑ Commitment to investigate ways to lower cost for power incurred by sporting bodies in delivering sport at all levels.
- ❑ Commitment to investigate ways to further support sport's "workers" – paid and volunteer – to enter and maintain involvement in sporting bodies at all levels, including consider eliminating all but essential regulatory requirements.
- ❑ Commitment to provide at least annual opportunity to address progress on delivery of commitments with QSport and to share data and analytics relating to sports development in Queensland.