

Major Sports Facilities Amendment Bill 2006

Explanatory notes for Amendments to be moved during consideration in detail by The Honourable Peter Beattie MP

Title of the Bill

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Objectives of the Amendments

The Bill seeks to enable special events to be held at major sports facilities.

To support this purpose, the amendment seeks to clarify the definitions in the Bill to provide greater certainty as to the use of a major sports facility for a special event.

Achievement of the Objectives

The amendments provide clarification to the definitions of ‘special event’ and ‘use’ which are defined in the Bill.

The staging of any special event will necessarily include rehearsals, sound checks and other activities to ensure the smooth conduct of the event. It is important that these ancillary activities are provided for in the Act by including them in the definition of special event.

It is the intention of the Bill to provide for the use of the facility without the need to obtain additional approvals under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* which, depending on the local government planning scheme, may be required for the construction of a stage, or any other structure necessary for a special event.

Estimated Cost for Government Implementation

The estimated administrative costs to government of implementing the proposed amendments are as proposed in the Explanatory Notes.

Consistency with Fundamental Legislative Principles

The impact on the fundamental legislative principles remains the same as outlined in the Explanatory Notes.

Consultation

The following relevant organisations have been consulted:

Crown Law

Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel

The proposed amendments have been supported.

NOTES ON PROVISIONS

Amendment 1 amends *Clause 7* to clarify the definition of ‘special event’ and ‘use’.

The definition of ‘special event’ is amended to include any rehearsal, sound and light testing and other ancillary activities necessary and incidental to holding a major concert; a public assembly; or a religious event. Any rehearsal or testing for a major concert; a public assembly; or a religious event also forms part of the special event and therefore is subject to the regulation, including any conditions prescribed by a regulation for the special event.

The definition of ‘use’ is amended to include the carrying out of building work, within the meaning of the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, necessary for a special event. Necessary building work would include, for example, the construction of a stage, any structure for lighting or sound equipment associated with a special event.