1. Planning for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games has been progressing with the key partners – State Government through the Department of Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games, the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation (GOLDOC), and the City of Gold Coast (CGC) – working closely with other delivery agencies.
2. The Commonwealth Games Federation conducted a planning status review of the Games on 18-19 January 2013. The Federation was satisfied with progress to date, particularly the soundness of current planning documentation.
3. Detailed development of a legacy plan for the Games has begun with a community consultation process commencing in March 2013. The plan is a joint initiative with the CGC. The legacy plan will be supported by an evaluation and monitoring framework. It is expected that the legacy plan and evaluation and monitoring framework will be completed in late 2013.
4. Discussions have commenced with key infrastructure stakeholders to ensure strategic plans for sites are considering post-Games legacy. The venues delivery schedule is designed to include the early delivery of some venues to sustain economic stimulus from 2013 to 2017 and promote the Gold Coast through hosting elite competition prior to the Commonwealth Games.
5. The development of the Games Village is progressing on timetable with site works to commence in October 2013.
6. The Gold Coast Aquatic Centre redevelopment has commenced with the site closed to the public on 24 February 2013 and handed to the Managing Contractor on 27 February 2013. Works are on track to ensure completion by June 2014 so that the Centre may host the Pan Pacific Swimming Championships in August 2014.
7. Brand protection legislation has been enacted. The legislation is part of an overall package designed to protect community ownership and celebration of the Games, but also protect the value of the brand to sponsors and therefore maximise sponsorship revenue.
8. Cabinet noted the periodic report outlining planning and preparation for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.
9. *Attachments*
* Nil.