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## INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL AND BEACHES LINK

**Organisation:** Executive Committee of the Basketball Program, Balgowlah Boys  
Secondary Campus

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To whom it may concern

We are the Executive Committee of the Balgowlah Boys Secondary Campus, Basketball Program.

We are a parent run, volunteer committee supporting the development of a basketball program at the Balgowlah Boys High School. We have over 200 kids participating in local and representative competitions, having grown from 2 teams in 2017 to 30 teams in 2021. Part of our ambition is to use sport participation as a way to create better boys who become better men - through effort, team work, discipline and leadership. We are not just a basketball program.

We are working closely with the school administration and P&C to create a robust program and improve school facilities for all school students, not just those who play basketball. The schools infrastructure has been neglected for many years. The state of some basic facilities, such as heating, toilets and access is in a shameful state.

We have a keen interest in improving the overall amenity of the campus and are using basketball to help us do this.

Given the significant works being proposed with the tunnel project, we are wanting to discuss with the project working group / parliamentary review committee how the government can give consideration to providing the funds to;

- ensure all students (parent and teacher) safety considerations are paramount during construction
- provide new indoor sporting facilities for use by both school and public
- provide new and improved learning environments for all students
  
- buffer the school from construction impacts
- secure the long term success of the growing schools population through improved access and amenities
- minimise the long term impacts of traffic flow changes and schools access

Attached is our strategic plan that will give you a greater understanding of our program.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.