



# Select Committee on the 2026 Commonwealth Games Bid

**Hearing Date:** 14 March 2024

**Questions taken on notice**

**Directed to:** Falcons 2000 Soccer Club, Tony Salvatore

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1. **Joe McCRACKEN, page 28-9**

**Question Asked:**

Thank you very much, Mr Salvatore and Mr Silvester. Firstly, thank you very much for your time today and the effort that you have taken to be here. I guess I might just start with a bit of a time line of your involvement with the Commonwealth Games preparation. What sort of advice and meetings did you have with the Victorian government in the lead-up to and the planning of the games, particularly with your involvement with your sport?

**Joe McCRACKEN:** Are you able to, even if you want to take it on notice, give a summary of when those meetings happened and what those meetings were about just so we can establish a time line of what happened and when? You can take it on notice of course as well if you need to go and look through your records.

**Tony SALVATORE:** Yes, I am happy to provide all that info.

**Response:**

In terms of the question around dates of meetings for “GSEP works - 2026 Commonwealth Games”, please see below and attached:

Meeting dates:

- 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023
- 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023

Email:

Hi Tony

Thanks for getting in touch.

We have finalised some discussions internally regarding the setting up of the Project Reference Group (PRG) this week.

We are required to present a report to Council to have this formally endorsed, and this will be happening on 5 June – the next available meeting.

Further to the discussions we had on site, the timeline looks like this for the next month.

23 May	State Government Budget Announcement	This will confirm the scope of works being funded
Late May	Provision of concept designs from Sport & Recreation Victoria	
Late May	Update to user groups	
5 June	Formal endorsement of the Project Reference Group	
Early June	Nomination of representative from groups represented on the PRG	
Early June	First Project Reference Group meeting	

Following the endorsement of the PRG at Council, the nomination for representatives will need to be formally provided by each user group. To speed up this process, we ask that you have discussions about this with the Falcons Committee prior to 5 June, so that when you are contacted by Council to provide the nomination, this can be a quick process to set up, and we can have the first PRG meeting as soon as possible.

While there is some waiting at the moment, from June, things will be moving pretty quickly so we can work to the timetable dictated by the date of the Commonwealth Games.

██████████ is going to give you a call regarding design elements, I expect this to happen in the next couple of days.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please get in touch.

Regards