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Friends of Buddina is a local community group located in the Kawana Waters district of the Sunshine Coast. We appreciate the opportunity provided by the Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority to participate in the community consultation process for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games infrastructure and planning.

This submission refers only to the proposed ***Sunshine Coast Indoor Sports Centre*** and the proposed location of that infrastructure.

Sunshine Coast will host some *preliminary* basketball matches during the first week of the 2032 Olympic Games, with the *major and final* basketball events being played in Brisbane at the proposed redevelopment of the Albion Park Paceway, also subject to the 100 Day Review.

The designated location for Sunshine Coast *preliminary* basketball Olympic 2032 matches was initially proposed to be hosted at the new Sunshine Coast Exhibition and Convention Centre, at Maroochydore in close proximity to the Athletes . Without public consultation, “other vested interests” altered this proposal and directed that when funding became available, it was to be redirected to constructing an Indoor Sports Centre at Kawana/Bokarina on the southern side of the Mooloolah River.

Friends of Buddina do NOT SUPPORT the proposal for an Indoor Sports Centre at Kawana/Bokarina.

Friends of Buddina SUPPORT an alternative Sunshine Coast location, at Maroochydore, for the Indoor Sports Centre to host the *preliminary* basketball matches during the 2032 Games.

Friends of Buddina believe that the most appropriate location ought to be one that:

1. does not displace existing sporting bodies, their history, their players and their supporters;
2. does not sacrifice or isolate one high-profile sporting code to provide for another sport;
3. does not result in the loss of playing fields and the scarce green space that the fields provide;
4. does not have other negative impacts on local residents and the community;
5. supports a multi-purpose built-form utilised for sporting and other events and exhibitions;
6. located within 500m walking distance of public transport (either rail, bus or preferably both);
7. located nearby the Athletes Village;
8. located nearby multiple options for tourist and other visitor accommodation;
9. located to support equitable geographic distribution of indoor sporting facilities

Accordingly, we request that the *Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority* reconsider the location assigned for investment in the Sunshine Coast Indoor Sports Centre based on a balanced assessment of financial and community impacts, including those outlined in the comparison table provided below:

Sunshine Coast Indoor Sports Centre Submission

<i>Sunshine Coast Exhibition and Convention Centre, located within Maroochydore</i>	<i>Indoor Sports Centre at Kawana Sports Eastern Precinct located at Bokarina</i>
Land Use	Land Use
Vacant land, NOT zoned as green space	Open green space (already below SCC's district target %), 5 hectares will be LOST to building structures and extensive carpark expansion; creating a further SHORTFALL .
Vacant land, unutilised, pending development	Multiple football fields LOST in the proposal
Public Transport	Public Transport
Rail - easy walk from proposed M'dore station	Rail - not an easy walk from Birtinya station
Bus - currently several	Bus - currently several
Accommodation	Accommodation
Atheletes Village - nearby, located in M'dore	Atheletes Village - 10.9 klms by bus + traffic
Hotel and Resort accommodation - multiple nearby existing & proposed locations in M'dore & Cotton Tree	Hotel and Resort accommodation - existing (health) & proposed locations in Birtinya Town Centre
Community Impact	Community Impact
Provides a much needed basketball facility	Provides a much needed basketball facility
No sporting sacrifice	Sacrifice one sport for the sake of another
No displacement	Displacing only Ruby League but NOT Rugby Union ??
	Displaces the Kawana branded Rugby League teams 11.1 klms sth-west to Meridan Plains
	Displacing this local RL sporting body, their history, their young and older players, their supporters & membership funding
	Potential LOSS of existing Club & Members
	Rebranding of Kawana Dolphins to ?? Meridan Plains
	Mental health issues for displaced persons
Equitable Distribution of Indoor basketball courts	Equitable Distribution of Indoor basketball courts
North of the Mooloolah River there are only 3 indoor sports courts at Buderim If 11 more are added at M'dore, then northside would have 14 indoor courts reflecting an equitable distribution in comparison to 11 indoor courts on the southside. If zero are added at M'dore, then northside would have only 3 indoor courts - totally inequitable compared to 22 on the southside	South of the Mooloolah River, Caloundra and Sippy Downs there are 7 indoor sports courts, with 4 more planned for Aura =11 If zero are added at Kawana/Bokarina, then southside would have 11 indoor courts reflecting an equitable distribution. If 11 more are added at Kawana/Bokarina, then southside would have 22 indoor courts - totally inequitable compared to 3 on the northside
Is the proposal multifaceted?	Is the proposal multifaceted?
Arts, Convention, Exhibition, and Entertainment Centre which can also provide seating and space for the 2032 Olympics preliminary basketball matches.	Suitable for a range of indoor sports including seating and 11 courts be used during the 2032 Olympics preliminary basketball matches.
Financial Investment Required	Financial Investment Required
Not disclosed, no comparative figures available	Not disclosed, no comparative figures available