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## RE: Supporting the 2027 Toowoomba Grammar School Rugby Heritage Cup

### To whom it may concern,

As Mayor of the Toowoomba Region, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2027 TGS Rugby Heritage Cup; an event that represents a significant and timely contribution to the growth, celebration, and future of rugby both nationally and internationally.

The TGS Rugby Heritage Cup embodies the core values of the sport, including respect, integrity, solidarity and inclusivity. It is an event that not only honours rugby's traditions but actively contributes to its global development. Through meaningful competition, cultural exchange and engagement with the broader rugby community, the Heritage Cup offers young players an exceptional opportunity to develop their skills on and off the field.

The timing of the 2027 TGS Rugby Heritage Cup provides additional value, taking place immediately prior to the Rugby World Cup. This alignment enhances the event's relevance and visibility, creating excitement among participants and supporters while contributing to the growing momentum surrounding the Rugby World Cup. By connecting youth players and their families from multiple countries, the event strengthens rugby's international fanbase and encourages long-term participation.

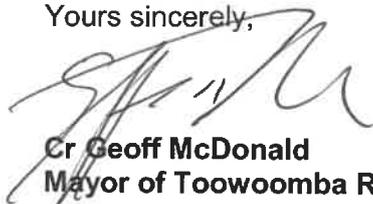
From a regional perspective, the Heritage Cup delivers significant tourism and economic benefits. Hosting international teams, supporters and families in Toowoomba highlights the important role regional Queensland plays in Australia's sporting and cultural landscape. The event will drive visitation and generate direct benefits for local accommodation providers, hospitality businesses, retailers and service industries. The proximity of the Rugby World Cup also creates opportunities for extended stays, increasing the length and value of visitation to our region.

Beyond its immediate impacts, the Heritage Cup provides lasting legacy outcomes. It supports youth participation pathways, fosters community engagement and promotes the positive life skills developed through rugby including teamwork, resilience, discipline and respect. These benefits extend far beyond sport and contribute to stronger, more connected communities.



The Toowoomba Region is proud to support an event that enhances local tourism, showcases regional Queensland, and delivers meaningful sporting, social, cultural and economic outcomes. For these reasons, I am pleased to endorse the 2027 TGS Rugby Heritage Cup and commend the organisers for their commitment to delivering an event of international significance.

Yours sincerely,

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**Cr Geoff McDonald**  
**Mayor of Toowoomba Regional Council**