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# Turf war about cash and power

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COMMENT

THE usual suspects – money and power – are at the centre of yet another Magic Millions dust-up.

Magic Millions does not want to pay more to secure prime corporate entertaining facilities at the big race day at the Gold Coast in January.

The Gold Coast Turf Club says it wants to gain a fair and reasonable commercial return to help sustain the club over the full year of operations.

Behind the scenes a bigger issue is being played out.

Queensland Racing Limited Bob Bentley has offered to invest millions into an upgrade of the Coast racecourse provided the race club signs over a significant slice of the complex.

So far QRL has not provided in writing any firm details of its master plan to assume considerable equity in such a valuable property. Why not?

Mr Bentley, who is cleverly meshing the two issues together, clearly is intent on pursuing his desire to assume effective control of every TAB racecourse in Queensland.