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Hi,

I would like to make a submission on the Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Bill 2021. I am a renter in West End. I expect to be impacted by the policing and traffic during the games, and the associated infrastructure changes and rental price rises.

The organising committee should be made up of independent experts in relevant fields. This might include urban design, city planning, public transport, sporting events, and tourism. It also have people representing residents and locals. It should also have First Nations people representing traditional owners.

But some of the proposed members of the Brisbane Organising Committee have significant conflicts of interest with the games and associated infrastructure. They stand to make huge profits off their own decisions.

The Bill should include rules that exclude people with conflicts of interest from the committee. In particular, property developers should be excluded from the committee, just as they are excluded from making political donations.

Abstaining from specific votes or discussions isn't enough. Conflicted members occupy positions that could otherwise represent resident or community interests.

The Bill also excludes many committee documents from release under RTI. Conflicts of interest and secret decisions tend to lead to corruption. So the Bill should make it easier to RTI Olympics documents, not harder.

As an alternative, the Bill could provide for transparency in other ways. For example, most documents could be released immediately, with commercially sensitive documents released after a maximum delay of 6 months.

Kinds Regards,

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