

**Submission to the Queensland Parliament Economics and Governance Committee
Regarding the Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Bill 2021**

From the East Brisbane State School P&C / Olympics Impact Group

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

East Brisbane State School (EBSS) is a P-6 school located adjacent to the Gabba Sports Stadium. This school currently educates approximately 280 students. There has been a school on this site for 120 years and several features of the school are heritage listed.

The EBSS Olympics Impact Group is predominantly comprised of parents who are concerned about the effect that the planned stadium rebuild and subsequent Olympic and Paralympic Games will have on the education of current and future students at the school. We are strongly committed to an ongoing consultation process with the Minister for Education regarding the needs of our school.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

With regards to the proposed Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Bill, we have noted that:

- Section 10 of the proposed bill, “Requirements for the performance of functions” does not instruct the organising committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games to have regard for the schools, community organisations, businesses or residents of Brisbane that may be impacted by preparations for, or hosting of, the Olympic Games.

- Section 17 of the proposed bill, “Composition” (of the Organising Committee), does not allow for any person to be appointed to the Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games specifically to represent the views or interests of the Brisbane residents or organisations who are going to be affected by the preparations for or hosting of the Olympic Games.

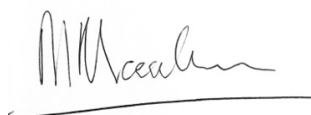
OUR POSITION

We would like to respectfully suggest that the proposed legislation be amended in the following respects:

- The organising committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games be required to have regard to the needs and best interests of the communities where the Games will be held. Further to this, the Organising Committee be required to consult with community services, organisations, businesses or residents who could be reasonably expected to be impacted by the decisions of the Organising Committee.
- The Premier and the Lord Mayor, in appointing members of the Organising Committee, to have regard for choosing individuals who represent the views and interests of the communities in which the Games will be held.

We would like to thank the committee for your attention to our submission.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michele McEachern', is written above a horizontal line.

Michele McEachern

Representative of the East Brisbane State School P&C / Olympics Impact Committee

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