

To members of the Economics and Governance Committee,

I am making this submission on behalf of the **Friends of Raymond Park**; a grassroots community organisation recently established by residents of Kangaroo Point and surrounding localities, with the aim of advocating for the conservation of Raymond Park as an open green space set aside for the public's amenity.

We would collectively like to raise several considerations to the Parliamentary committee's inquiry in respect to the design, composition, and assembly of the organising bodies for the 2032 Olympic Games, as laid out [in this bill](#).

Firstly, the bill explicitly excludes key communications between the AOC/IOC and the Brisbane 2032 Organising Committee from Queensland's 'Right to Information' rules. We reject this exclusion as undemocratic. It's unacceptable that these communications are set to be kept confidential and hidden from public view. Not only does the community at large, as a primary stakeholder in the 2032 Games, have a right to remain informed regarding the social, economic, and ecological impacts set to occur across this state; the public is also expected to fund the Olympics, with state resources absorbing any potential losses incurred therein. It is therefore critical that complete transparency in communications is established leading up to the event.

As I previously suggested, it is my understanding that this bill will see the Queensland State Government guarantee any potential shortfall in costs – effectively placing the burden for debt amassed from the 2032 Games directly on the shoulders of Queensland taxpayers. Given the body will receive at least **AUD\$5 billion** in funding for the 2032 Games (with the potential for this amount to later increase – the projected budget for the Olympics has already increased by 30% in one year), we insist on the need for transparency throughout this process to help secure a level of accountability for the people of Queensland.

Finally, we strongly believe the bill should be amended to ensure the 2032 Olympics Organising Committee includes the appointment of a trusted member (or several) from the impacted local communities. In our view, community members should also be appointed to the Board of Directors. These appointments will prove indispensable in assisting the powers in question to use their broad and far-reaching controls responsibly to serve the true interests of the public; all while potentially avoiding the negative consequences of any decisions being made on behalf of the people, in the name of facilitating the 2032 Olympics.

Regards,

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