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Dear Committee Secretary

## Submission to the Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Bill 2021

The West End Community Association (WECA) has represented the people of West End since 2004. We work daily to enhance the liveability of our diverse and vibrant community.

The 2032 Olympic Games will envelop the entire peninsula. Our community will live amongst the construction, event, and post-games infrastructure. It is critical to explicitly build our community into the planning process of the Games in a transparent and collaborative way.

The short eight-day consultation period on the Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Bill 2021, along with ongoing lack of formal consultation with the affected communities, show that the Games preparation is not committed to authentic community engagement.

We call for direct community representation on the Board of the Corporation through the appointment of Seleneah More, President of WECA, West End resident and experienced urban planner, as a Director.

This appointment provides our community with the ability to help guide the development of the Games so that it strengthens our community.

In absence of representation, we are being asked to have faith that the Games will not be delivered at the expense of our community; that we will get the infrastructure that we need, even though we have had no input into the planning to date. This can be remedied with a director appointment.

Sincerely,

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