

Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Chair,

RE: LGAQ Submission – Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Amendment Bill 2024

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) is a not-for-profit association representing all 77 local governments across Queensland as the state-wide peak body for our sector.

We welcome the opportunity to provide feedback to the Housing, Big Build and Manufacturing Committee on the Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Amendment Bill 2024 (the Bill), which establishes the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Delivery Authority (the Authority).

In providing feedback on the Bill, and indeed the exposure draft shared by the department for consultation ahead of the Bill's introduction, the LGAQ sought feedback from member councils due to the establishment of the Delivery Authority (and the Board of Directors for the Authority) being of significant interest to the local government sector.

However, consultation with members has been challenged by the exposure draft's release coinciding with caretaker period for Queensland councils, and by the closing date for submissions on the Bill falling just a fortnight after its introduction, providing limited time.

Brisbane 2032 should be a catalyst for opportunity statewide so it is critical that every Queensland local community can share in the social and economic benefits of hosting one of the biggest global events.

This was strongly emphasised at LGAQ's 2021 Annual Conference, where Queensland councils were clear in their resolution that the State Government must ensure there is a sharing of the economic benefits and community funding for all of Queensland following the successful bid to host Brisbane 2032.

In 2022, the LGAQ surveyed Queensland councils on what they believe are the major challenges and opportunities for their communities and what they think is needed to ensure Brisbane 2032 leaves a positive impact both in the lead up to the Games, and long after they are held.

The survey responses provided by 61 Queensland councils, representing 79 per cent of the sector, formed the basis of the "*On Your Marks: Queensland local government and the road to 2032*" report¹,

¹ [LGAQ Report \(2023\) "On Your Marks: Queensland local government and the road to 2032"](#)



released by the LGAQ in March 2023. The results demonstrated more work needs to be done to ensure local communities are not left behind.

In regard to the Bill, the LGAQ appreciates the State Government's acceptance of our recommendation that consultation be undertaken with the Chief Executive of any/all local government/s impacted and/or referenced within the transport and mobility strategy. This has been reflected through the inclusion in the Bill of the following clause:

- 53AJ Consultation (1) In preparing the transport and mobility strategy, the authority must consult the following persons— (a) the chief executive officer of each relevant local government;

Furthermore, we acknowledge the new consultation measure with local government referenced in the Bill regarding declaration of accepted development or PDA accepted development as follows:

- 53AS Declaration of accepted development or PDA accepted development
The Minister may recommend to the Governor in Council the making of a regulation under subsection (1) only if the Minister is satisfied— the authority has made reasonable endeavours to consult, in the way the authority considers appropriate, the following persons in relation to the proposed declaration (iv) the chief executive of a local government in whose area the development is or will be located.

However, it is disappointing two key recommendations regarding the composition of the Board of Directors for the Authority and the transition to a legacy authority have not been accepted and reflected in the Bill.

Namely, the LGAQ recommended the Bill include provision to ensure the composition of the Board of Directors includes First Nations and regional Queensland representatives among its membership to ensure it is inclusive and representative of all of Queensland.

Further, the LGAQ recommended the Bill provide for the authority to transition to a legacy authority, in order to guarantee that the Games generate enduring advantages beyond the event itself, in alignment with the vision of the Elevate 2042 legacy strategy².

We urge the Committee to consider the following key recommendations the LGAQ also provided during the consultation period, which have not been absorbed into the Bill in its current form, including:

- **Recommendation 1:** The LGAQ recommends the State Government ensures that membership of the Board of Directors for the Authority, includes representatives from across Queensland regions with diverse skills, knowledge, experience and including First Nations representation.
- **Recommendation 2:** The LGAQ recommends the Bill be amended to require the selection panel for nomination of directors and chairperson consist of any council that is hosting a games venue.
- **Recommendation 3:** The LGAQ recommends the Bill be amended to replace the dissolution of the authority with a transition to a legacy authority, in order to help the Games generate enduring advantages statewide beyond the event itself.

² https://q2032-public-assets.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/documents/ELEVATE%202024%20Legacy%20Strategy_FULL%20LENGTH.pdf

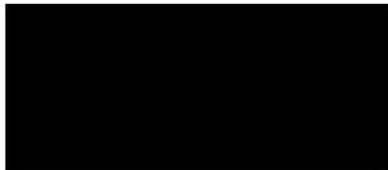


At both a Federal and State government level, it has been stated that the Games need to provide an opportunity for all of Queensland – and all Queenslanders – to share the legacy benefits that come with hosting such a major global event.

As the level of government closest to their communities, Queensland councils are well-placed to inform and support the delivery of a successful Games and a legacy that truly does benefit all.

If you have any questions regarding the LGAQ's feedback on the Bill, please do not hesitate to contact me via email [REDACTED] or telephone [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,



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