

Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Amendment Bill 2024

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Housing, Big Build and Manufacturing Committee
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Dear Committee Secretary

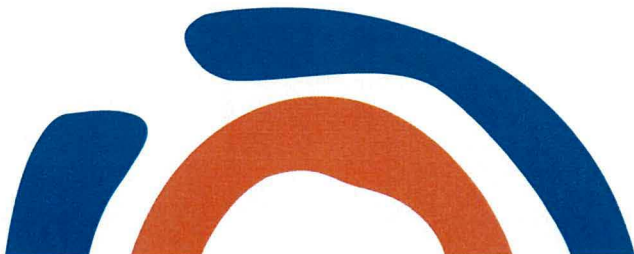
Thank you for the opportunity to review the *Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Amendment Bill 2024* and to provide feedback on behalf of the Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC). The QFCC is supportive of the proposed amendments that seek to ensure representation and diversity in planning and coordination of the Games. Ensuring Queensland's children and young people are engaged in the design of the Olympics is important; today's 10–12-year-olds will be the adults who attend the Olympic events that we are planning.

Division 2 Composition (of Board)

The QFCC supports new section 53BF of the Bill noting the intentions to include representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people with disability, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and other diverse groups on the board. This amendment will facilitate broad consideration of all stakeholder needs, some of which will be children and young people from diverse backgrounds with varied needs.

Division 5 Committees and Commissions

The QFCC supports new section 53CB which states that the board may establish one or more committees to assist in the performance of the board's functions; and section 53CC which states that the board may establish one or more commissions to advise on matters referred to the commission by the board. These amendments will facilitate broader representation of stakeholders including those who are able to advocate for the rights and needs of children and young people. This may include highlighting the importance of including venues that are child and youth friendly; reinforcing regulatory considerations such as Working with Children/Blue Card checks to ensure venues are child safe; and considering access requirements for those with disability who have special needs.




The QFCC's *Growing Up in Queensland Report*¹ found that less than sixty per cent of Queensland's young people reported they feel both proud to be part of their community and feel it has the things they need for a positive and thriving future. The hosting of the Olympics provides an opportunity for us to improve these perceptions.

If you or the Committee have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact me directly on [REDACTED]. Alternatively, please email [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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Queensland Family and Child Commission

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¹ QFCC (2024), *Growing Up in Queensland – A story of child and family wellbeing*, [Growing Up in Queensland \(qfcc.qld.gov.au\)](https://qfcc.qld.gov.au)

