

## Planning (Social Impact and Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

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State Development, Infrastructure and Works Committee

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**Re: Planning (Social impact and community benefit) and other legislation amendment bill 2025**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission in response to the proposed amendments to the Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Act 2021. It is also recognised that The Bill amends the Planning Act 2016, City of Brisbane Act 2010, Local Government Act 2009, Planning and Environment Court Act 2016, and the Building Act 1975 to give effect to these changes.

As a Games Delivery Partner and Co-Host City for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Sunshine Coast Council (SCC) will be impacted by these proposed legislative changes and thus trust our feedback will be considered by the State Development, Infrastructure and Works Committee.

Our feedback is as follows and considers two key areas of the Bill - planning and governance:

**Planning**


- SCC is welcoming of the streamlining for the approval and delivery of vital infrastructure for our community. We are pleased that the government has recognised the importance of commencing project delivery as soon as practicably possible. We support exploring delivery models that drive efficiencies and enable infrastructure delivery by the fixed timeline of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- SCC is pleased that there will still be a range of approval processes to ensure the projects are appropriately planned and delivered. Importantly the proposed legislation still includes communication and engagement opportunities for our community. SCC envisages that tools such as a Social Impact Assessments (SIA) and Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) with local governments will ensure that local government strategic policy positions are considered.
- We note that that there will be appropriate checks and balances in place to monitor the Authority's powers - this will be important as although there is a strong desire

progress quickly with our 2032 projects, all levels of government need to ensure that important issues such as those relating to culture, environment and heritage value are adequately considered in planning and delivery.

Given the timeframes for public submissions, SCC has been unable to fully review and understand the broader implications of the proposed legislation from a planning perspective. As the draft Bill progresses, we request that SCC and the wider local government sector be further engaged to ensure our interests are appropriately considered.

### **Governance**

- SCC welcomes the inclusion of our SCC Mayor on the Board of Brisbane 2032 (OCOG). As it stands at present, Sunshine Coast Council is the only formal Games Delivery Partner that does not have representation on the Board and thus this amendment to legislation is welcomed.
- SCC note that the legislation recommends removal of SCC from the Games Leadership Group (previously referred to as the Games Partners' Leadership Group) and the Games Executive Group (previously referred to as the Games Partners' Leadership Group). This is not supported. Whilst not a signatory to the IOC host city contract, Sunshine Coast Council did sign a detailed Guarantee Deed with the Queensland Government which committed our organisation, region and ratepayers to a vast array of obligations and tasks. The decisions made and direction within these forums will have a significant social and financial impact on our region. The Games Leadership Group is the senior-most decision-making governance body for the Games and our Council is of the view that our commitments and responsibilities warrant continued representation.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. Please do not hesitate to contact Sunshine Coast Program Lead - Brisbane 2032, Grantley Switzer via email  if additional information is sought.

Yours sincerely,



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