Queensland Academy of Sport Bill 2025

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Dear Committee Members

Re. Inquiry into the Queensland Academy of Sport Bill 2025

I write to express support of the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) for the Queensland Academy of Sport Bill 2025 (the Bill). The Bill will strengthen athlete development and pathways in Queensland and better position the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) to maximise the success of Australian athletes as Brisbane prepares to host a home Olympic Games in 2032.

The QAS is a recognised Olympic Training Centre, which acknowledges its vital role in identifying, nurturing, and developing young sporting talent. It operates in a highly specialised field, and most Olympic Training Centres nationwide operate as statutory authorities to provide them with the autonomy and agility necessary to be globally competitive.

I note that in the process of drafting this legislation, the Queensland Government has consulted with the Victorian Institute of Sport and the New South Wales Institute of Sport, both of which operate successfully under the model this Bill proposes.

The AOC believes the Bill will streamline administration of the QAS and ensure that it can function with the agility and responsiveness required to provide the best possible support for Queensland athletes aspiring to the Australian Team for LA28 and Brisbane 2032.

Thank you for the invitation to provide a Submission on this matter and please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to further discuss how best to support Queensland athletes on the Green and Gold Runway to Brisbane 2032.

Kind Regards,



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