

29 January 2024

The Honourable David Crisafulli
Premier and Minister for Veterans

Dear Hon David Crisafulli,

Re: Realising a Transformative Legacy for South East Queensland Beyond the Brisbane 2032 Olympics

The Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games represent a historic opportunity for Queensland - a chance to create a transformative legacy that will benefit our communities for generations to come.

Discussions at *Beyond 2032: Building Brisbane's Legacy* gathering late last year underscored the Games' immense potential to address pressing challenges in housing, transport, and community well-being while elevating Brisbane and South East Queensland (SEQ) as globally recognised, liveable, and thriving regions.

As passionate leaders from infrastructure, engineering, property development, architecture, and planning, as well as community groups focused on homelessness, community connection, and outreach, we commend the Government's approach to reviewing the proposed Games infrastructure and legacy.

At a recent event, we challenged our teams to propose ideas under the theme "The Olympics Isn't Just Four Weeks of Events" that would align with a vision for an Olympic and Paralympic Games that leave a long-lasting positive legacy for Brisbane, South East Queensland and across the entire state.

As your government reviews and refines the Olympic infrastructure plan, we urge you to prioritise the following areas identified during these discussions:

1. Sporting Infrastructure Beyond the Games

The Brisbane 2032 Olympics provide an opportunity to design venues that balance functionality with sustainability, creating long-term community value. Brisbane's unique identity as *The River City* and Queensland's reputation as 'The Sunshine State' should guide these developments. By integrating iconic venues with the city's natural assets, such as the Brisbane River, Victoria Park, and Riverstage, and ensuring they are accessible and adaptable, we can create spaces that enhance community life and boost tourism for decades to come. Drawing inspiration from London's East End regeneration and Barcelona's transformation in 1992, Brisbane can set new global benchmarks for legacy-focused planning.

2. Transport Infrastructure to Unite SEQ

As SEQ anticipates significant population growth, a robust, future-ready transport network is critical. This includes the development of high-speed public transport systems that connect the region's major hubs, complemented by green corridors and pedestrian-friendly zones.

Leveraging digital innovation and clean energy solutions will not only reduce car dependency but also position Queensland as a leader in sustainable urban mobility.

3. Revitalising Public Spaces Across Queensland

Transformative public realm projects can redefine Brisbane's landscape and enhance its appeal. Initiatives such as the revitalisation of Roma Street and Norman Creek highlight the potential for underutilised spaces to become vibrant community hubs. These areas can serve dual purposes: enriching daily life for residents while providing essential fan zones and event spaces during the Games. Extending similar projects to regional Queensland ensures the benefits of urban renewal are shared widely.

4. A Housing Legacy to Address Affordability and Homelessness

Brisbane has a chance to use the Games as a platform to tackle housing challenges on a global stage. By integrating housing developments with transport infrastructure and embracing advanced construction technologies, we can increase housing density and affordability. Moreover, the Olympics offer a unique opportunity to significantly reduce homelessness through innovative, community-focused housing solutions. A Games-driven housing legacy could position Brisbane as a global leader in social impact.

5. Expanding Legacy Beyond the South East

Queensland's decentralised nature requires an inclusive approach to Olympic investments. Ensuring that legacy funding supports projects in regional areas can stimulate economic opportunities, improve transport connections, and enhance quality of life across the state.

A Vision for the Future

Premier, the Brisbane 2032 Olympics are more than a sporting event - they are a generational opportunity to redefine Queensland's future. By embracing bold, collaborative planning and sustained investments across these critical areas, we can secure a legacy that benefits all Queenslanders and earns global admiration.

We look forward to collaborating with your government to ensure the 2032 Games leave a legacy we can all celebrate and be proud of.

Yours sincerely,



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