



10 January 2025

Mr Stephen Conry AM
Chair
Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority
Email: 100DayReview@gvlda.au

Dear Mr Conry,

With the 100 Day Review being conducted by the Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority for the new Queensland Government there is an opportunity to ensure that the Olympics infrastructure is appropriate to deliver for all of Queensland, metro and regional, and that an appropriate legacy for Queenslanders is delivered.

With the scope of the 100 Day Review to include venues, Olympic villages and transport, the following is highlighted:

- The Queensland Parliament Crossbench released a unified statement on Olympics funding and infrastructure in 2023. Please find a copy attached. As the crossbench stated, the Gabba should not be redeveloped due to the massive detrimental impact on the local community, and other options available for consideration.
- It is crucial that the development of Olympic infrastructure does not drive up the cost of housing and create displacement as has occurred in other cities during and in the lead up to their Olympics, particularly with our housing crisis.
- All Olympic villages and housing should be designed and planned to be converted to social and community housing after the Games, to maximise the social benefits of the infrastructure investment for all Queenslanders.
- With the potential for Noosa to be utilised as a pre games training location, and certainly a desired destination for Games visitor stays, transport infrastructure and services are urgently required, specifically appropriate links to the rest of the Sunshine Coast and to Brisbane. This includes high speed, frequent buses to the rest of the Sunshine Coast, and consistent bus and train links to Brisbane and Southeast Queensland. Importantly, increased services on the North coast rail line via a train shuttle between Nambour and Gympie North, and rapid and frequent bus services from Cooroy to Noosa synchronised with the shuttle train.
- In addition, dedicated bus/shuttle lanes to improve timeliness of service, suitable parking station locations identified and made suitable for Park N Ride, and increased connectivity between local bike routes and an expansion of bike pathways throughout the Noosa region.
- Facilities for training and preparation for Olympic athletes are required. This includes upgrades to the local sports facilities and new facilities as identified by Noosa Council such



as an upgrade to the Noosa Aquatic Centre, Noosa District Sports Complex, and the Cooroy Sports Complex as examples.

- To reduce congestion on the M1, appropriate direct international flights into and out from the Sunshine Coast, with accompanying airport shuttles to reduce car hire and volume.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to your review. If you have any questions please contact me on 0405 483 579 or alternatively via email at noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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SANDY BOLTON MP
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Crossbench Statement on Olympics Funding

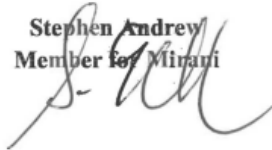
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While the state government is allocating billions of dollars to the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games, Queenslanders are suffering a housing crisis, underfunded hospitals and schools, with frontline services at breaking point. Every Olympic Games since 1960 has run over budget while driving up housing costs and displacing residents. For the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games to succeed, the government must be upfront with Queenslanders about the social and economic costs and ensure all decision-making is open and transparent.

The crossbench calls on the Queensland state government to:

1. Formally cap the 2032 Olympic Games budget at no more than the current budgeted \$7 billion.
2. Invest an equivalent spend in regions that won't receive any Olympic infrastructure, to be invested in nation-building infrastructure projects.
3. Immediately make public the entire Host City contract and all relevant business cases for infrastructure and venues.
4. Direct the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy or relevant department to develop and publish an Olympics housing plan to ensure that the Olympics do not drive-up housing costs and displacement, as has occurred in other host cities. In addition, as a legacy for Queensland, any built athlete accommodations must be transferred to either public housing or community housing providers after the Games.
5. Scrap the current \$2.7 billion Gabba demolition and redevelopment, move the Olympic and Paralympic athletics event to a more appropriate location such as Carrara, as recommended by the IOC, and ensure that any Gabba upgrades avoid any detrimental impacts on East Brisbane State School, Raymond Park, and neighbouring homes and businesses.

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