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Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority

100 Day Review of Games Infrastructure

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Dear Recipient,

100-day Review of Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure

Queensland Advocacy for Inclusion (QAI) is an independent advocacy body dedicated to promoting the needs, rights and lives of people with disability. Our vision is for inclusive communities where all people are equally valued and enjoy human rights. We provide several legal and non-legal individual advocacy services to people with disability in Queensland and have been engaged in systems advocacy for over thirty-five years. QAI's Management Committee is comprised of a majority of persons with disability, whose wisdom and lived experience is our foundation and guide.

The Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games is a once in a lifetime opportunity to ensure Queensland is fully accessible and inclusive of all people with disability. QAI notes the Queensland Government's 114 existing accessibility and inclusion commitments regarding the 2032 Games; commitments that have been embraced and fully supported by people with disability in Queensland. A list of these commitments is included with this letter.

The Queensland Government has also committed to establishing community programs that will encourage greater awareness and sport participation of people with disability, with the aim of engaging another 500,000 people with disability in sport by 2032.¹

The Brisbane 2032 Games will shine a spotlight on whether Queensland is an inclusive society that instils pride by embracing all people regardless of age, culture, gender identity and ability. It is vital that practical steps towards inclusion as reflected in the 114 accessibility and inclusion commitments be reaffirmed by the new Queensland Government.

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¹ <u>Queensland Government submission to the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability</u>, December 2022, page 8

At all stages of planning and implementation, people with disability should be engaged in codesign. Brisbane 2032 is a unique opportunity to remedy the disproportionate rates of unemployment for people with disability by developing robust plans for inclusive employment and engagement in volunteer roles.

Clear goals for inclusion should be set with open and transparent processes for measuring success against these goals.

Yours faithfully,

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