

Crossbench Statement on Olympics Funding

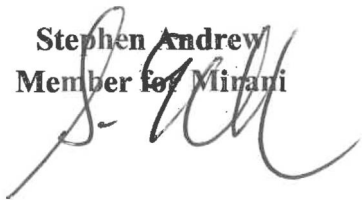
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While the state government is allocating billions of dollars to the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games, Queenslanders are suffering a housing crisis, underfunded hospitals and schools, with frontline services at breaking point. Every Olympic 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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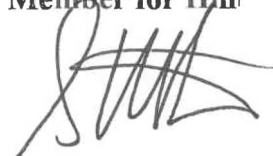
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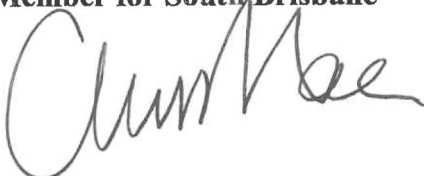
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