

ORDINARY MEETING**29 JANUARY 2025****7**

**SUBMISSION TO THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT'S 100 DAY REVIEW
OF BRISBANE 2032 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES
INFRASTRUCTURE**

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. **Endorses the attached submission to the Queensland Government's 100 Day Review of Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure; and**
2. **Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to deal with any matters arising from it.**

INTERESTED PARTIES:

Queensland Government

Note: The identification of interested parties is provided on a best endeavours basis by Council Officers and may not be exhaustive.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Queensland will host the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games (the Games) over four weeks (29 days) with the Olympic Games to be hosted from 23 July to 8 August 2032 and the Paralympic Games to be hosted from 24 August to 5 September 2032.

The Games will provide the opportunity to create a legacy for future generations through upgraded and new sporting venues and the chance to showcase and celebrate, not only Brisbane, but other host regions throughout Queensland. Cairns will host Olympic Football at an upgraded Barlow Park.

The new LNP State Government has commenced a 100 Day Review of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (the Review) to assess the network of critical infrastructure projects required to support the Games.

There are a range of potential benefits and opportunities Games infrastructure investment can deliver for Cairns in the lead up to, during, and following the Games. A Council submission to the Review has been prepared and lodged (Attachment 1). The submission makes a number of recommendations to ensure the potential benefits and opportunities for Cairns and FNQ are maximised.

These recommendations include, but are not limited to, the expedited delivery of the previously announced Olympic upgrades to Barlow Park, the establishment of high-performance facilities at West Barlow Park (directly adjacent to Barlow Park), and for Cairns to be prioritised as a host city for pre and post Games training camps and Paralympic Sport.

The submission is recommended to Council for retrospective endorsement.

BACKGROUND:

The LNP State Government has commenced a 100 Day Review of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (the Review) to assess the network of critical infrastructure projects required to support the Games.

According to the Review's Terms of Reference, the Review will focus on ensuring that Queensland is delivering the right projects in the right places with the right governance. It will prioritise key infrastructure, assess connectivity, and ensure integration across venues, transport projects and athlete's villages. This review will consider deliverability, legacy impact, value for money, and alignment with long-term growth strategies, aiming to generate lasting economic, social and environmental benefits across the State whilst enabling the successful delivery of the Games. Ensuring Games related infrastructure investments deliver benefits for rural and regional Queensland is a particular area of focus for the Review.

Individuals and organisations were invited to provide submissions from 10 December 2024 to 10 January 2025. The Games can deliver a range of potential benefits and opportunities for the Cairns and FNQ region and accordingly, it was considered appropriate that Council make a submission to highlight these benefits/opportunities and how they can be realised/maximised.

Due to the submission deadline and timing of Council meetings over the Christmas period, officers were unable to seek formal endorsement of Council's submission prior to lodgement. Council's submission is set out at Attachment 1 and this report seeks Council's endorsement retrospectively.

COMMENT:

In April 2021, Council resolved to enter a Delivery Partner Guarantee Deed (the Deed) with the State of Queensland to support Brisbane's candidature to host the 2032 Games. Pursuant to the Deed, Council is required to make Barlow Park and Endeavour Park available for Olympic Football.

The 2032 Olympic Games were awarded to Brisbane in 2021 and Council has continued to work collaboratively with State representatives regarding Cairns' involvement including the legacy upgrades for Barlow Park. In August 2024, the Australian and Queensland Governments confirmed \$91 million in funding to upgrade Barlow Park.

While Council's involvement in the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games will largely be focused on being a successful host city for Olympic Football during the Games, Council's submission to the Review makes recommendations for wider legacy opportunities for the region.

The recommendations contained in Council's submission are set out below with a full copy of the submission included at Attachment 1 to this report:

Recommendation 1: Council unanimously supports the previously announced Olympic upgrades to Barlow Park on the basis of the significant legacy benefits these upgrades will deliver for the Cairns and FNQ community (as outlined in the Project Validation Report). Council requests that these upgrades be expedited as a matter of urgency, further strengthening Council's vision for Cairns to become a preeminent destination for women's sport.

Recommendation 2: That the Queensland Government/Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority support the establishment of high-performance facilities at West Barlow Park (directly adjacent to Barlow Park) as further demonstration of a commitment to ensuring Olympic and Paralympic infrastructure investments deliver legacy benefits for rural and regional Queensland. The co-location of Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) programs and activities within these high-performance facilities should also be given serious consideration by the Queensland Government.

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Recommendation 6: Where venue upgrades to existing facilities located in Southeast Queensland result in displaced content, such content should be hosted in centres such as Cairns as a further demonstration of infrastructure investments delivering benefits for rural and regional Queensland.

OPTIONS:

Option 1 (Recommended):

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Option 2:

That Council **does not** retrospectively endorse the attached submission and requests that it be withdrawn.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Risk management:

For Cairns, the primary risk associated with the Games is that the potential benefits and opportunities from the Games are not realised for the benefit of the Cairns and FNQ community. The submission seeks to address this risk by making a series of recommendations to the Review with the submission also providing a reference for direct engagement with the Queensland Government.

Council Finance and the Local Economy:

The Games are expected to deliver a range of economic and social benefits for Cairns and FNQ. These benefits would be further expanded if the recommendations in Council's submission are enacted.

The Australian and Queensland Governments have previously confirmed \$91 million in funding to upgrade Barlow Park. The upgrades to Barlow Park also represent a substantial construction project and will deliver significant economic benefits and jobs during the project's construction phase.

Council may be expected to incur costs associated with the provision of venues and other services during the Games. These costs are yet to be quantified and are subject to future consideration and negotiation. The Organising Committee for the Olympic Games also has an operational budget (OCOG Budget) to deliver the Games.

Corporate and Operational Plans:

This report supports Council's vision of Shaping the Future, which states that Council will strive to shape the future of Cairns by striving for better social, economic, environmental and culture outcomes for the community.

The recommendations outlined in Council's submission contribute to the following focus areas of Council's Corporate Plan 2021 – 2026:

- Robust Economy
- Design for Liveability
- Community and Culture

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Formal submission to the State Government's 100 Day Review of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure.



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9 January 2025

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

Dear Mr Conry

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

1. Executive Summary

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the *100-day Review of Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure* ('the 100-day Review'). A summary of our recommendations is set out below with further information contained in the sections that follow.

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2. Background

For the Brisbane 2032 Games (the 2032 Games) to be embraced throughout Queensland, it is important that legacy benefits be delivered throughout the State including in rural and regional centres such as Cairns. This is why Council, and the Cairns community, are excited by the opportunity to host Olympic Football at Barlow Park in 2032 as well as the other opportunities the 2032 Games will bring. Council has been working collaboratively with representatives of the Queensland Government on this opportunity for a number of years.

In April 2021, Council unanimously resolved to enter into a Delivery Partner Guarantee Deed (the Deed) with the State of Queensland to support Brisbane's candidature to host the 2032 Games. Pursuant to the Deed, Council is required to make the following existing venues available for Olympic Football.

Table 1: Delivery Partner Guarantee Deed – Cairns Venues

Venue	Location	Proposed Use
Barlow Park	Corner of Scott and Severin Streets, Cairns	Competition Olympics: Football (Preliminaries)
Endeavour Park	Cannon Street (Manunda) Cairns	Training Olympics: Football (Preliminaries)

Following the awarding of the 2032 Games to Brisbane in 2021, Council has continued to work collaboratively with State representatives regarding Cairns' involvement including the legacy upgrades proposed for Barlow Park.

2. Barlow Park – Legacy Upgrades

2.1 Overview



Figure 1: Cairns Major Events Precinct (incorporating Barlow Park)

Officially opened in December 1987, Barlow Park is Cairns' premier rectangular sports (rugby league, football etc) and athletics facility. It comprises a high-quality rectangular

field, the only International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) standard all-weather athletics track in the Far North Queensland region, a 1,700-seat grandstand, corporate boxes, function room, eatery outlets, amenities blocks and car parking. The venue has a total capacity of 15,000, consisting of the 1,700 seats in the existing western grandstand, 995-tiered bench seats on the north and east margins of the running track and a grassed bank general admission capacity of 12,305.

The facility forms part of the broader Cairns Major Events Precinct, a strategic parcel of land covering an area of approximately 26 hectares located in close proximity to the Cairns city centre (see Figure 1 above). In 2022, Council commissioned and unanimously endorsed the Major Events Precinct Visioning and Development Opportunities Report prepared by independent consultants Ross Consulting (the Ross Report).

The Ross Report recommended six complementary development opportunities be explored in order to realise the vision of the site being recognised as Australia's premier regional sporting and events precinct. The continued development of Barlow Park as the region's premier rectangular sporting asset/facility was one of the six development opportunities identified in the Ross Report.

The proposed legacy upgrades for Barlow Park are consistent with and progress this vision. The proposed upgrades include:

- New western grandstand increasing permanent seating capacity to 3,500.
- Additional 1,500 retractable seats for use over the existing athletics track.
- Upgraded food and beverage facilities, function and corporate facilities and enhanced accessibility.
- Significant improvements to player and spectator amenities.

Significant planning work has been completed for these upgrades including an independent [Project Validation Report](#) (PVR) and associated reference design. Council representatives were actively involved throughout the project planning process including via participation in the Project Control Group (PCG).

The PVR, completed in August 2024, highlighted the significant legacy benefits the upgrades would deliver which include the following:

- **Increased Utilisation:** Enhanced facilities that support a wide range of sports and events (rectangular sports as well as athletics and track and field) maximising utilisation by the community and both amateur and professional sporting teams and athletes.
- **Improved Spectator and Athlete Experience:** The upgrades will result in significant enhancements to the spectator and athlete experience at the venue with improved sight lines, upgraded amenities and enhanced food and beverage outlets and audio-visual facilities.
- **Increased Accessibility:** Upgrades to make the venue more inclusive, including facilities for people with disabilities and enhanced facilities (changerooms etc) for female athletes. Accessibility to and within the venue will see significant enhancement by virtue of the upgrades.
- **Enhanced Community Engagement:** Expanded capacity to host community, cultural, and entertainment events, fostering greater community participation and cohesion.
- **Economic Growth:** Long-term boost to the local economy through increased tourism, event-related business, and the attraction of high-profile sporting and cultural events.
- **Strengthened Regional Identity:** Positioning Cairns as a premier destination for sports and major events in regional Australia.
- **Legacy for International Events:** Permanent infrastructure improvements supporting the hosting of international competitions, including Olympic football, with ongoing benefits for regional, national, and international event opportunities.

- **Supporting Cairns' aspiration to be a Preeminent Destination for Women's Sport:** At its 10 July 2024 Ordinary Meeting, Council unveiled a bold vision to position the Cairns region as the leading destination for women's sport in Australia. By leveraging our significant sporting infrastructure, the international airport, ample accommodation options, attractive climate and our geographical location, Council can elevate the city into being a preeminent destination for Women's Sport in Australia. The Barlow Park upgrades and proposed High Performance Facility (refer section 3 below) are a central part of this vision.

The Sport Venue Review (Independent Review of Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Venue Infrastructure) chaired by former Brisbane City Council Lord Mayor Graham Quirk and completed in March 2024 highlighted the legacy benefits of the upgrades concluding that "A stadium at Barlow Park, in Cairns, will have a strong legacy outcome and benefit, leveraging existing venues and providing capacity for a growing city." and recommended that the State: "Continue with the Barlow Park project as scoped."

Importantly, the upgrades were scheduled to be completed in early 2028, thereby ensuring the legacy benefits highlighted above were delivered before, during and after the 2032 Games. The upgrades will also complement an existing lighting upgrade already underway at the venue (enabling nighttime TV broadcasting at the facility), which is expected to be completed in early 2025. The planned works also provide flexibility for further facility expansion in the future if/as required.

Substantial work has also been completed in relation to the potential displacement/ temporary hosting of existing venue users during the construction phase of the upgrade project. This includes the permanent relocation of the Meals and Wheels service currently operating at the venue to a new purpose-built facility in Gatton Street, Westcourt (Cairns). This permanent relocation of Meals on Wheels is a further legacy benefit for the Cairns community delivered by virtue of the 2032 Games and the Barlow Park upgrades.

In August 2024, the Australian and Queensland Governments confirmed \$91 million in funding to upgrade Barlow Park and in September 2024, Council unanimously resolved to enter into a Project Framework Agreement with the State in respect of the upgrade project. It is understood that procurement for the project's Managing Contractor had commenced but has been placed on hold as a result of the 100-day Review.

Delaying the implementation of the Barlow Park upgrade project would have a number of adverse implications including:

- Delaying the legacy benefits able to be realised from the upgrades prior to the 2032 Games - demonstrating early delivery of legacy benefits will be critical to garnering wider community support for the Games particularly in rural and regional Queensland.
- Cause further disruption to existing venue users (Northern Pride QRL side, Cairns Athletics etc) whose operations will be impacted during the project's construction phase.
- Potentially delaying the proposed relocation of the NQ Cowboys NRLW (refer section 3 below for further details) side to Cairns. The NRLW side is proposing to utilise the upgraded Barlow Park as part of its proposed relocation to Cairns which would represent an immediate legacy benefit realised as a result of the Olympic upgrades to Barlow Park.
- Early completion of the project (2028) as currently proposed, can potentially avoid conflicts with other major Olympic construction projects. This could be jeopardised if the project were delayed resulting adverse value for money outcomes in what is expected to be a relatively tight construction market leading into 2032. From a value for money perspective, the best time to undertake the project is now.

Recommendation 2:

That the Queensland Government/Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority support the establishment of high-performance facilities at West Barlow Park (directly adjacent to Barlow Park) as further demonstration of a commitment to ensuring Olympic and Paralympic infrastructure investments deliver legacy benefits for rural and regional Queensland. The co-location of Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) programs and activities within these high-performance facilities should also be given serious consideration by the Queensland Government.

4. Endeavour Park

4.1 Overview

Endeavour Park (an existing community sport and recreation facility utilised for both football and cricket) has also been earmarked to be utilised as a training venue for Olympic Football. Council is obliged to make the venue available for this use pursuant to the Delivery Partner Guarantee Deed with the State of Queensland.

It is expected that some infrastructure upgrades will be required at the venue in order for it to be fit for purpose for Olympic training use. This includes field lighting and amenities upgrades. It is important that engagement commence in relation to the use of the venue and facility upgrades required to ensure the community legacy benefits from such upgrades can be realised as soon as possible.

4.2 Recommendation

Recommendation 3:

That the Queensland Government/Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority commence engagement with Cairns Regional Council and other stakeholders as soon as possible regarding potential venue upgrades required at Endeavour Park to enable the venue's utilisation as an Olympic training facility and to support the delivery of long-term legacy benefits for the Cairns and FNQ community.

5. Cricket/Cazalys Stadium

5.1 Overview



Figure 2: Cazalys Stadium 344 Mulgrave Road, Cairns

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In an exciting development, cricket has been included as an Official Olympic Sport for the 2028 Games in Los Angeles. Whilst yet to be confirmed, it is widely expected that cricket would continue to be an Olympic sport for the 2032 Games in Brisbane.

Cazalys Stadium in Cairns is a premier sports and events facility with a well-established track record for hosting Australian Rules Football (AFL), international cricket, and other major events. The venue has a high-quality playing field, floodlighting for night games, and a seating capacity of approximately 13,500, including a mix of grandstand seating and general admission areas. The stadium offers modern player amenities, including locker rooms, medical facilities, and training spaces. For spectators, it features food and beverage outlets, corporate boxes, and function spaces.

On 21 December 2024, AFL Cairns publicly unveiled the *Cazalys Stadium Masterplan* which outlines an ambitious vision for the upgrade and further development of this key sporting asset for Cairns and Far North Queensland. Key initiatives within the Masterplan include:

- A 20,000-seat capacity to accommodate major international events while maintaining a community focus.
- Infrastructure designed to host global concerts and elite sports, ensuring Cairns is positioned to attract marquee events.
- Enhanced amenities to support grassroots and elite-level sports, including AFL/AFLW, cricket, and more.



Figure 3: Cazalys Stadium Masterplan concept image

Implementation of the proposed Masterplan would significantly enhance the spectator and athlete experience at the venue and further cement the venue's reputation as a world class facility located in regional Queensland.

Cazalys Stadium is a logical choice to host Olympic cricket in 2032 with such a move providing further demonstration of the 2032 Games delivering benefits for rural and regional Queensland.

5.2 Recommendation

Recommendation 4:

Should cricket be confirmed as an Olympic sport for the 2032 Games, Cazalys Stadium in Cairns should be utilised as a host venue given the facility's proven track record hosting international cricket and other major events. Hosting cricket at Cazalys Stadium in Cairns would maximise the utilisation of this existing venue and be a further demonstration of the 2032 Games delivering legacy benefits in rural and regional Queensland.

6. Hosting Opportunities – Pre and Post Games Training and Paralympic Games

6.1 Overview

Cairns stands ready and willing to host other 2032 Games related activity including pre and post Games training camps and Paralympic sport. Cairns has a track record in this regard having hosted the Australian Olympic and Paralympic athletics teams for their pre-Games training camps ahead of the Tokyo Games. Cairns has also recently hosted training camps for the Australian and Japanese swimming teams on a number of occasions. Cairns has a range of competitive advantages when it comes to hosting training camps for Australian and international sporting teams and athletes including:

- A wide variety of international standard training and sporting facilities (athletics track, swimming pools, mountain biking facilities, hockey etc).
- Substantial quantity and variety of accommodation stock for athletes, players and staff.
- A well connected international and domestic airport.

Cairns would also welcome the opportunity to host Paralympic sports during the 2032 Games. Accessible Tourism has long been an important priority for the region and hosting Paralympic sport provides a further opportunity to develop facilities and enhance the region's reputation as an accessible destination. Hosting Paralympic Sport would also be an opportunity to leverage the substantial accessibility upgrades already proposed for Barlow Park as well as those at other existing venues in the city.

6.2 Recommendation

Recommendation 5:

That Cairns be prioritised as a host city for pre and post Games training camps and Paralympic Sport as part of the 2032 Games.

7. Displaced Content

7.1 Overview

It is appreciated that decisions are yet to be made regarding a number of venues in Southeast Queensland (SEQ) and that maximising the use of existing venues is one of the guiding principles for the 100-day Review.

Where infrastructure upgrades are required to existing venues in Brisbane/SEQ in preparation for the 2032 Games, there is potential to host displaced content (whilst these

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Recommendation 1:

Council unanimously supports the previously announced Olympic upgrades to Barlow Park on the basis of the significant legacy benefits these upgrades will deliver for the Cairns and FNQ community (as outlined in the Project Validation Report). Council requests that these upgrades be expedited as a matter of urgency, further strengthening Council's vision for Cairns to become a preeminent destination for women's sport.

3. High Performance Facility

3.1 Overview

Identified as a priority opportunity in the Ross Report, the establishment of a high-performance facility is the next logical step in the Major Events Precinct development. Such a facility would complement the proposed Barlow Park upgrades and enhance the city's attractiveness as a destination to 'train and play' for national and international athletes and sporting teams in the lead up to and following the 2032 Games.

Cairns has a number of competitive advantages as a high-performance training destination including:

- A wide variety of international standard training and sporting facilities (athletics track, swimming pools, mountain biking facilities, hockey etc).
- Universities and tertiary institutions with nationally recognised high performance/sports science programs.
- Well established medical and hospital facilities and private sector capabilities in allied health.
- A wide variety of accommodation stock for athletes, players and staff.
- A well connected international and domestic airport.
- A wide range of potential users of such a facility in the region.

In September 2024, the North Queensland (NQ) Cowboys announced a vision to grow their footprint in the Cairns and Far North Queensland region through the proposed establishment of a Community Development and High-Performance Centre at West Barlow Park (refer Figure 1) paving the way for Cairns to become the new home of the Cowboys NRLW squad.

Council is actively working with the NQ Cowboys on this proposal which would further complement and leverage the legacy benefits from the Barlow Park Upgrades. It is understood that the NQ Cowboys are seeking State funding to support their proposal.

It is also understood that consideration is being given to expanding the footprint and operations of the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) to regional Queensland to ensure athletes and coaches from throughout the state can more easily access, and benefit from, QAS programs in the lead up to the 2032 Games. The potential co-location of QAS programs and activities within high performance facilities proposed to be established within the Barlow Park precinct should also be given serious consideration by the Queensland Government.

3.2 Recommendation

upgrades take place) in rural and regional centres such as Cairns. By way of example, if a decision was taken to proceed with venue upgrades at the Gabba in Brisbane, there is potential to host displaced cricket and/or AFL fixtures in Cairns.

7.2 Recommendation

Recommendation 6:

Where venue upgrades to existing facilities located in Southeast Queensland result in displaced content, such content should be hosted in centres such as Cairns as a further demonstration of infrastructure investments delivering benefits for rural and regional Queensland.

Once again, I thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the 100-day Review. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or would like to discuss this submission further.

Yours sincerely



Ken Gouldthorp
Chief Executive Officer