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Dear Senator

Senate inquiry into Australia's preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games

I refer to recent correspondence sent on behalf of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (the Committee) in relation to its inquiry into Australia's preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games. That correspondence seeks to hear from a former Minister of the State, as well as the State's legal representative and consultants, at a hearing in Melbourne on Monday 28 August 2023.

I am writing to advise that the Victorian Government claims that information in the following classes about which these persons, or any other persons, may be asked to give evidence is protected from disclosure by public interest immunity or intergovernmental immunity:

- information the disclosure of which would directly or indirectly reveal the deliberations of the Victorian Cabinet;
- information the disclosure of which would reveal high level confidential deliberative processes of the Victorian Government, including legal advice forming part of these processes;
- information the disclosure of which would materially damage the State's commercial interests, including because it would reveal the State's confidential negotiating position and/or would undermine the commercial settlement of the State of Victoria and the Commonwealth Games Federation, Commonwealth Games Australia Limited and CGF Partnerships Ltd;
- information the disclosure of which would prejudice intergovernmental, including international, relations.

The State's former Minister, legal representative, consultants, and any other persons connected with the State who have been invited or summonsed to give evidence before the Committee will be informed of the Victorian Government's view expressed above that the Committee has no power to compel the disclosure of information in the classes described above. They will also be provided with a copy of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Premier

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cc Committee Secretary