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Mr Josh Burns MP
Chair of Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Burns,

Thank you for inviting the Brisbane Organising Committee for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games (Brisbane 2032) to provide a submission to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit's inquiry into Sport Integrity Australia's (SIA) management of the National Anti-Doping Scheme.

Please find enclosed our submission and contribution to the inquiry.

As the host of the Games, Brisbane 2032 is committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity, fairness, and athlete welfare. Central to this commitment is a robust and trusted anti-doping framework that ensures a level playing field for all competitors and reinforces public confidence in sport.

Our submission reflects the Organising Committee's anti-doping commitments under the Olympic Host Contract, requirements from the International Olympic Committee and International Paralympic Committee, and our requirements for a partnership with SIA. It also highlights the unique volume and requirements of a robust and compliant Olympic and Paralympic anti-doping programme.

We welcome the opportunity to contribute to this important national conversation and stand ready to support the inquiry's efforts to strengthen Australia's anti-doping regime in the lead-up to Brisbane 2032 and beyond.

Yours sincerely,

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Inquiry into the effectiveness of Australia's National Anti-Doping Scheme

Submission by the Brisbane Organising Committee for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games (Brisbane 2032)

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Introduction

The Brisbane Organising Committee for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games (Brisbane 2032) is responsible for planning, coordinating and delivering the Games in less than seven years' time. As stewards of one of the world's most significant sporting events, we are deeply committed to ensuring a clean field of play. Integrity, fairness, and respect for athletes are foundational to the Olympic and Paralympic Movements, and a robust anti-doping framework is essential to safeguarding these values.

The Olympic Host Contract for the Games of the XXXV Olympiad 2032 stipulates that the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and Games hosts must, "*recognize that it is of the utmost importance to protect athletes against doping, and to act in accordance with the provisions of the World Anti-Doping Code published by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)*".¹

Brisbane 2032 is committed to working with key international and domestic partners, to plan and deliver a world-class doping control programme in 2032, which ensures the protection of clean athletes, in compliance with International Standards.

Olympic and Paralympic Games Requirements

The doping control programme for each edition of the Olympic and Paralympic Games is planned and delivered by a group of expert agencies, which include the IOC, International Paralympic Committee (IPC), International Testing Agency (ITA), WADA, the organising committee and the relevant National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO). In the Australian context, this is Sport Integrity Australia (SIA).

For the Olympic Games, the IOC delegates its responsibilities related to doping control to the ITA in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code and the IOC Anti-Doping Rules. For the Paralympic Games, the IPC is the lead agency. Both the ITA and IPC are likely to contract services from the SIA to deliver these programmes.

Brisbane 2032 will work with each of these agencies to plan and deliver doping control operations. Based on current anti-doping practices, this will include ensuring appropriate doping control stations are established at all competition venues and Olympic and Paralympic villages and providing supporting infrastructure and services to enable sample collection, transport, and laboratory analysis.

These doping control operations at the Olympic and Paralympic Games will bring unique demands of both volume and complexity of testing within the strict conditions of sample collection, transportation, analysis and results provision. This includes, for example, a very large volume of samples needing to be taken, transported and analysed within a 24-hour period to ensure results are provided sufficiently ahead of the respective athlete's next competition. The legal chain of custody and security of samples must not be compromised in any way for any of these samples.



This volume of Games-time testing will also require a significantly increased number of accredited Anti-Doping Officers, each requiring recruitment, training and management for their Games roles. The evolution of the Games venue master plan to embrace more regional venues within Queensland will additionally bring resulting logistical and financial implications, such as accommodation for Anti-Doping Officers at each of the regional venues as well as the additional requirements and costs for the transport of samples from these venues in a time-critical manner.

In addition to Games-time testing, consideration should also be given to the large number of athletes and teams who are likely to train in Australia prior to the Games period, and will be subject to testing while based in Australia.

To deliver this Olympic and Paralympic doping control programme, Brisbane 2032 will enter into a service level agreement with a WADA-accredited laboratory in Australia, to analyse all samples in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code and International Standards. This will be done subject to IOC, ITA and IPC approvals.

Currently, Australia has one WADA-accredited laboratory for doping control analysis, which is based in Sydney.² As this currently the only WADA-accredited laboratory in Australia, it is currently anticipated, subject to IOC, ITA and IPC approval, Brisbane 2032 would enter into an agreement with this laboratory.

Due to the distance from Games venues to the Sydney laboratory, and considering the volume of testing and the increased number of regional Olympic and Paralympic venues proposed, an additional WADA-accredited laboratory in Brisbane or South-East Queensland should be considered to be made available for the Games-time testing programme. This may also assist in meeting an increased, long-term demand for doping control operations in Australia..

Brisbane 2032 is actively engaging with each of the identified agencies to understand the scale and scope of doping control operations required for a Games in just under seven years' time. As doping control systems and processes evolve, Brisbane 2032 will utilise the expertise of partners such as SIA, to develop a contemporary plan, which is robust, operationally feasible and ensures the athlete experience is prioritised.

It is vital that Australia's Anti-Doping Organisation has the capacity and capability to support the delivery of an efficient and reliable testing regime, at the scale required for an Olympic and a Paralympic Games. Without doubt the Olympic and Paralympic Games testing and analysis requirements will require an increase from current demands and capacity. This scoping will be conducted with the ITA and SIA.

For context, at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, a total of 6,130 samples were collected from more than 4,100 athletes. This represented a 4% increase on the number of samples collected at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and a 10% increase on the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.³

At the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, a total of 2,677 samples were collected from more than 1,700 athletes. This represented a 25% increase on samples collected at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.⁴

Partnership with Sport Integrity Australia

Under the leadership and supervision of the ITA and IPC, Brisbane 2032 will be required to establish a formal partnership with the relevant National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADO) within the host country (i.e. Sport Integrity Australia).



This partnership will focus on ensuring Brisbane 2032 has access to and can leverage local expertise, staff (e.g. Doping Control Officers), resources and manuals to support the delivery of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Additionally, extensive collaboration and engagement is required to provide anti-doping education and awareness to athletes and para-athletes, support personnel and key stakeholders about the Games doping control programme. The partnership with SIA will support this engagement.

Conclusion

In order to deliver a clean Games and fulfil the anti-doping requirements under the Olympic Host Contract, it is vital that Australia's anti-doping scheme aligns with established international standards, best practices and performance measures at the time of the Olympic Games Brisbane 2032. To that end, SIA's membership of WADA is vital in ensuring alignment with international standards and upholding the integrity of Australian sport.

Brisbane 2032 will work with a range of expert partner agencies, including the IOC, ITA, IPC, WADA and SIA over the coming years, to plan and deliver the doping control programme for the Games.

SIA will play a key role in supporting Games delivery and Brisbane 2032 will continue to collaborate with SIA to ensure the athletes are provided optimal conditions to safely and fairly train and compete.



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