

EPIQ's Brisbane 2032 Legacy Outlook

On 23 September 2021, the Emerging Professionals in Infrastructure Queensland (**EPIQ**), a taskforce of emerging professionals from across the infrastructure sector, came together to interrogate and reflect on the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Proposal (**Proposal**).

The purpose behind the review was to get EPIQ's members thinking about what legacy the Proposal, in its current form, is likely to leave behind.

As part of this review, EPIQ has identified the following five key focus areas which it thinks need additional attention in the lead up to the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games (**2032 Brisbane Games**):

- Optimising the existing built environment
- Equal advertising and sponsorship opportunities
- Affordable housing, mental health assistance and upskilling
- Future, smart infrastructure to support interstate connection
- Integration of the Paralympic and Olympic games

EPIQ calls to action the leaders who will be making key decisions regarding the 2032 Brisbane Games to take these five focus areas into consideration so that the legacy of the 2032 Brisbane Games is one which all Australians will be proud of for years to come.

Sustainability

Sustainability should be a focus for the 2032 Brisbane Olympic Games.

Leveraging and optimising the existing built environment by conducting **upgrades** and developing **innovative** infrastructure would contribute to Brisbane's active involvement with **green initiatives**. Implementing **sustainable activations, switching to renewables** and **capitalising on natural resources** such as our subtropical climate would assist in achieving our commitment of reaching **net zero emissions by 2050**. **Reducing plastic waste** and increasing **recycling** efforts are important factors contributing to a **sustainable** Games.

Transparency

Transparency between **key parties, progress of delivery** and **costs** are important for sustaining the Brisbane Games Legacy prior to and into the future after the games.

To achieve this, **broad community consultation** is vital, ensuring **members of the public** are **adequately represented**, and in turn forming **long-term relationships** between key stakeholders and communities. **Educational facilities, experience centres** and **design competitions**, allow for active participation in the development of the games and maintains **transparency** for the community.

In addition to an '**Olympic Legacy Committee**'-type group, **updating** and **reporting** to the public on key deliverables, will provide a further level of comfort. All stakeholders have a **responsibility** to uphold **probity** and **accountability**.

Mindset Shift

A positive mindset shift is imperative to the success of the 2032 Brisbane Games and can be achieved through **education, positioning** and **inclusivity**.

Education will forever be the catalyst for **mindset shift**, particularly in schools to reach future leaders. **Leaving a legacy** means educating to **shift international perception**, promoting **active living** at all levels and breaking the stigma around **gendered events**.

Inclusivity will be more important than ever, and there is an opportunity for Brisbane to set a precedent for what this looks like. **Equal advertising and sponsorship opportunities** for all athletes should be a focus, as well as further **integration of the Paralympic and Olympic Games**. Ultimately, our **leaders will be held accountable** for this change.

Resilience

Environmental, economic and **social resilience** will be strong themes in the 2032 Brisbane Games as we concentrate on leaving a legacy and reflecting on past experiences.

A focus on sustainability means a focus on environmental resilience. **New infrastructure designs** must be **climate resilient** and **environmentally bolstering**. The ability to **capitalise on emerging industries** provides an opportunity for future leaders to leave their legacy.

Risk mitigation will always be a factor of **economic resilience**, and it's important for leaders to provide a roadmap for **business continuity** and **foreseeable and unforeseeable risks**, to provide not only security, but also transparency.

Social resilience will be highly important, particularly in terms of **community and individual support**. Planning will be vital in ensuring support is delivered, especially for **affordable housing, mental health assistance and upskilling**. In this 11-year lead-up, **fatigue** will be an obstacle, so it's vital that a legacy committee is responsible for **keeping momentum** in the lead-up to, and well after the 2032 Brisbane Olympic Games have ended.

Connectivity

Connectivity is crucial for enhancing the success of **accessibility** to the Games and across our City and State well into the future.

With **innovation** at the core, the focus must be on **flexibility, scalability** and **efficiency** to drive **permanent behaviours** that enhances the connectivity of our State for decades beyond the 2032 Brisbane Games. Connectivity should be led by **Growth Areas Taskforces** that identify and inform **future, smart infrastructure** to support **interstate connection**.

To ensure the delivery of **future-proofed** transport, we support opportunities that offer **Mobility-as-a-Service** and consider a **variety of modes**, including **air, high-speed rail** and **active transport**.

Beyond the modes, it is important that we are building **social** and **emotional** connectivity across our community to encourage **ongoing use**. We see connectivity supported by **State-funded, community-managed** initiatives that allow for long-term use and **ownership**.