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Fast rail for Games and a legacy for future growth

Fast rail infrastructure for south east Queensland would be essential to ensure efficient mobility during the proposed 2032 Olympics and Paralympics and create a legacy that will allow the region to cope with the next 25 years of growth, according to the Committee for Brisbane.

The legacy is one of 20 bold and aspirational goals identified by the Committee for Brisbane in its Olympics and Paralympics Legacies Paper to be officially launched today (FRIDAY) by Australian Olympic Committee Chairman John Coates AC.

For the past year, the Committee's Brisbane 2033: Olympics and Paralympics Taskforce has been developing a suite of proposed legacies for south east Queensland that speak to long-term and permanent benefits to the community from hosting the Games.

Committee for Brisbane CEO Barton Green said a successful Olympics and Paralympics candidature should trigger catalytic and transformational infrastructure including fast rail and community projects like social and affordable housing for south east Queensland.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to deliver long-term economic, social and environmental legacies for south east Queensland that can be initiated or accelerated by hosting the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games," Mr Green said.

"A key legacy is that our governments would have delivered the required program of transport infrastructure, including fast rail infrastructure, to ensure efficient mobility across our region for the Games and meet the travel-time specifications set by the International Olympic Committee.

"But Olympics and Paralympics aside, two million more residents needing 800,000 new homes are predicted to live in south east Queensland in the next 25 years and interconnected, multimodal transport infrastructure and efficient, cost-effective public transport are required to achieve a vibrant city and a better connected region."

Mr Green said another key legacy should be to repurpose Games infrastructure, such as the Olympic Village, for social and affordable housing or to sell or lease such Games' assets to fund housing programs.

In line with International Olympic Committee environmental objectives, the Paper also proposes that south east Queensland become Australia's first circular economy region and that Brisbane 2032 be zero-waste Olympic and Paralympic Games.

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