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Brisbane 2032 Games should attract national sporting headquarters to SEQ

South east Queensland should become Australia's headquarters for national sporting codes if Brisbane is selected as the host of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, according to the Committee for Brisbane.

The sports headquarters legacy is one of 20 bold and aspirational goals identified by the Committee for Brisbane in its Olympics and Paralympics Legacies Paper, officially launched today by Australian Olympic Committee President John Coates AC.

The Paper says SEQ should aim to have leading national sporting organisations permanently locate their primary operations to south east Queensland, because the region will attract athletes, coaches, teams and officials for training and competition in the lead up to a 2032 Olympics and Paralympics.

For the past year, the Committee's 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 attract leading national sporting organisations and trigger catalytic and transformational infrastructure, including fast rail and community projects like social and affordable housing for south east Queensland.

"If we win 2032, this will be 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 Olympic and Paralympic Games," Mr Green said.

"We should use that opportunity to develop SEQ as a regional hub for high performance, sports technology and recreational development and then secure commitments from leading national sporting organisations, like rugby union sevens and swimming, to permanently locate here.

"Another focus should be fast rail infrastructure for south east Queensland, that would be essential to ensure efficient mobility during the proposed 2032 Olympics and Paralympics, to create a legacy that will allow the region to cope with the next 25 years of growth - to achieve a vibrant city and a better connected region."

The Paper identifies 20 goals that could and should be achieved by 2033 – in road and rail connectivity, mobility, regional data and digital competency, First Nations recognition and inclusivity and enterprise, health and well-being, including mental health, investments in arts and culture, environmental standards, support for new enterprises and more.

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Mr Green said one 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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