

A Lasting Legacy for Victoria Park

Today is the final day for Queenslanders to have their say on the draft Victoria Park Precinct Legacy Plan. It is a conversation worth having.

Few cities are given an opportunity like this. Victoria Park will be home to Brisbane's main Olympic and Paralympic stadium and the National Aquatic Centre, placing it at the centre of the Brisbane 2032 Games story. But the real opportunity is much bigger than 2032.

With less than six years until the Games, the immediate priority is clear: deliver the stadium, aquatic centre, transport links and supporting infrastructure on time and successfully. Brisbane does not have the luxury of endless debate. The venues need to be built and the focus must now be on delivery.

At the same time, we cannot lose sight of what happens next.

The decisions made between now and 2032 will shape Victoria Park for the next 50 years. The question is not whether we can deliver a successful Games precinct. The question is whether we can create one of Australia's most important civic, cultural, recreation and innovation destinations for generations to come.

That requires a focus on the 'no regrets' moves that preserve future opportunities while supporting Games delivery today.

It means planning transport connections that do more than move spectators. They should reconnect parts of the inner city that have been separated for decades and make it easier for people to move between major housing, employment, education and health precincts.

It means considering governance arrangements that will support long-term activation, stewardship and financial sustainability, drawing lessons from successful Brisbane precincts such as South Bank.

It means ensuring infrastructure delivered today does not prevent future opportunities, whether through new partnerships, investment attraction or the evolution of a globally significant sport, health and innovation precinct centred on Brisbane's Knowledge Corridor.

And it means remembering that the long-term success of Victoria Park will ultimately be measured not on event days, but on ordinary days. The park must remain a place that attracts families, walkers, cyclists, community events and visitors year-round.

Opportunities of this scale are incredibly rare in established cities.

The draft plan provides a strong foundation, but there is still time for Brisbane residents, businesses and stakeholders to help shape the outcome. As submissions close today, I



encourage everyone with an interest in Brisbane's future to take the opportunity to have their say.

If we get this right, Victoria Park will not simply be remembered as a Games venue. It will be one of Brisbane's defining legacies.

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