



THE SENATE

**RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**Australia's preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Monday 28 August 2023**

**Mantra on Russell  
Flinders Room, 222 Russell Street, Melbourne**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
8.30 am	<b>Commonwealth Games Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 78</i> ) Mr Craig Phillips AM, Chief Executive Officer Mr Ben Houston, President and Chief Executive Officer Ms Petria Thomas, Chef de Mission Ms Ellie Cole, Deputy Chef de Mission (teleconference)
9.30 am	<b>Ernst and Young</b> Mr Dean Yates, Partner Mrs Leigh Walker, Partner
<b>10.15 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
10.30 am	<b>Committee for Geelong</b> Mr Michael Johnston, Chief Executive Officer  <b>Geelong Region Alliance - G21</b> Ms Guilia Baggio, Chief Executive Officer  <b>City of Greater Geelong</b> Cr Trent Sullivan, Mayor
11.15 am	<b>Event Pty Ltd</b> ( <i>Submission 83</i> ) Simon Thewlis, Managing Director
<b>11.35 am</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
1.20 pm	<b>VicSport</b> Ms Lisa Hasker, Chief Executive officer
1.40 pm	<b>Bass Coast Shire Council</b> Cr Michael Wheelan, Mayor
2.00 pm	<b>The Hon Martin Pakula, former Tourism, Sport and Major Events Minister</b>
2.40 pm	<b>Perth City Council</b> Cr Basil Zempalis, Lord Mayor  <b>Gold Coast City Council</b> ( <i>Submission 19</i> ) Cr Tom Tate, Mayor Mr Luke Wallace, Chief of Staff Ms Trish Apps, Manager, 2032 City Coordination

Committee Chair: Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan

Committee Secretary: Tas Larnach

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3.20 pm

*Adjournment*

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