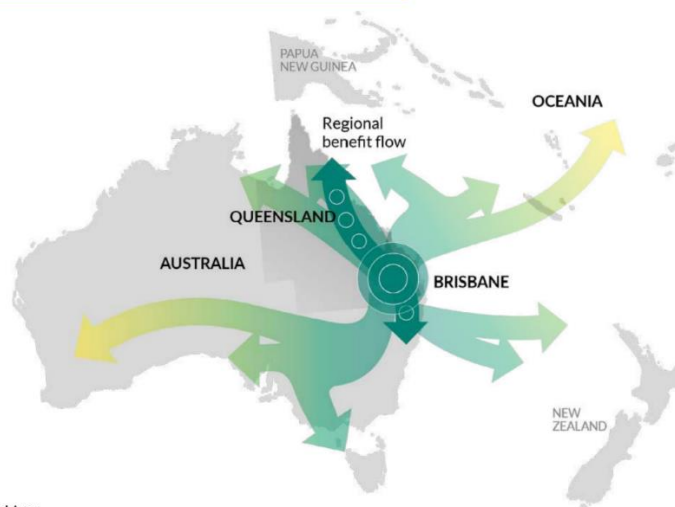


## **Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games** **“Creating A Home Games Advantage”**

### **A) Brisbane 2032 – “A Games for Oceania”**

- a) The Pacific can take heart that the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games was presented by Australian Government, Queensland Government and Australian Olympic Committee as a **“Bid from Oceania”**.
- b) The Games will be a moment of great significance and opportunity for the Pacific and the entire Oceania Region.
- When Brisbane was awarded the 2032 Olympic Games at the IOC Session in Tokyo last July, Oceania National Olympic Committee (ONOC) President Dr Robin Mitchell hailed it "a win for Oceania".
  - The IOC President, Thomas Bach during a trip to Australia in May 2022 commented that Brisbane 2032 "will be Games for the whole Pacific region".
  - Andrew Liveris, President of the Brisbane 2032 Organising Committee, has committed to working together on elements including sport, tourism, education, health and trade, by way of a 10-year collaborative partnership to ensure the Brisbane 2032 is a Games for the whole region.
  - We are pleased that the Draft Brisbane 2032 Legacy Plan has acknowledged “Games for Oceania” as an underlying cross-cutting theme for the Brisbane 2032 Games, as reflected in the image from the Draft document.

**We want a Legacy that can be experienced locally, regionally, nationally, and across Oceania. The strongest Legacy ideas will be those that have the most far reaching and long lasting benefit.**



Disclaimer:

This paper provides an overview of the key consistent themes and ideas we have heard through the engagement process to date, including the Hopes and Dreams Survey and the Brisbane 2032 Legacy Forum. This is not the Brisbane 2032 Legacy Plan or government policy.

- c) ONOC and our sports Stakeholders applaud the Australian leadership for your vision, inclusiveness and commitment to make and deliver Brisbane 2032 “A Games for Oceania.”

## **B) ONOC's 2032 Initiative**

- a) These commitments must be matched by our very own preparedness to step up, then step up again and then step up again to deliver an exceptional result, that has never been achieved previously.

You may recall that for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, New Zealand won only one Gold Medal in their "Home Games" and the 12 Pacific Islands who were members of the Olympic Movement at that time, was limited to having the Sydney Torch Relay come through their respective island nations.

Given the maturity and experience of the now 15 Pacific Island National Olympic Committees and 7 National Paralympic Committees, the aspirations since then have changed dramatically,

- b) Brisbane 2032 must go beyond inspiration and must be remembered as the Games that gives PNG and the Pacific Islands a new way of thinking, a new level of outcomes and new levels of participation, performance and engagement that have never been seen before but will be seen again post 2032.
- c) Brisbane 2032 provides Australia and the Pacific the platform to deliver on **multiple outcomes** encompassing **High Performance, Diplomacy, Sustainable Capacity Building, Economic, Social, Environment and Community**.
- d) Last July with ten years to the start of the Brisbane 2032 Opening Ceremony, with the mandate to develop Olympic Sports in the region, ONOC led the Pacific Islands Sports Stakeholders, and announced its own Guiding Strategy for "**A Home Games Advantage**" INITIATIVE, to make a tangible mark in long-term human legacy for the entire Oceania region.
- e) This initiative highlights our primary objective of improving the performance of Oceania at Brisbane 2032, **as well as LEGACY OBJECTIVES** around "**Events and Engagement**" and "**Capacity Development and Empowerment**".
- f) ONOC has invited the Australian Government and is working towards engaging with other Stakeholders to partner with ONOC to help deliver these GOALS.

## **C) PERFORMANCE ASPIRATIONS**

The Pacific, where most of the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) and Paralympic Committees are relatively new, have so far won 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze Medals at the Olympic Games and 1 Gold and 1 Silver at the Paralympics, to-date.

These inspiring performances demonstrate that the Pacific Islands, with the right level of support and structures are capable of being world-beaters on any day.

ONOC's Sports Stakeholders have unanimously agreed to a set of ambitious and challenging performance targets to produce a 300% to 500% improvement on the Pacific Islands previous Olympics and Paralympics Games performances at the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and establishing a platform for improved performances for future Games.

ONOC is taking a long-term phased approach, infused with extreme urgency, leveraging Paris 2024, Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games and Los Angeles 2028.

## **D) "ALL ROADS LEAD TO BRISBANE 2032"**

### **The opportunities extend well beyond just the performance outcomes and the sporting field, in a journey.**

Brisbane 2032 can be the catalyst to enhance the human resource capability and capacity development for the Pacific Nations.

We are looking to Australia to help create a decade-long approach to hosting Pacific Athletes within their programmes and excellence centres, providing a critical pathway and high-performance environment for athletes and coaches towards producing some of the best results for the Pacific.

Brisbane 2032 also has the opportunity, through the platform of sport, to influence improvements in education, coaching and cultural exchanges in the Pacific, providing a holistic development of our athletes.

Australian Academic Institutions, corporates and philanthropic organisations have an opportunity to create a meaningful legacy by supporting the scholarship programs for our youth, in which these students pursue their sporting career in a structured and competitive environment, while continuing with their education and holistic development.

ONOC with its Sports Stakeholders are working diligently with a large number of prospective Queensland and Australiana Partners, Stakeholders and Sports Organisations to utilise Brisbane 2032, as the vehicle to enhance the performances of Pacific and Oceania Athletes.

This will require access to regular and ongoing access for our Athletes, Coaches, Technical Officials and Administrators to have "real" long-term visits that allows for multiple visits, with flexibility for them to be in Australia, focussed on their sporting activity, study, apprenticeship or work, as an interchangeable option over long period of time.

Some examples of these type of opportunities include are:

- 1) Athlete Academic Scholarships and Study Opportunities while providing the athletes the opportunity to train, compete and excel in their respective sports for which they are selected for.
- 2) Academic Scholarships or Study Opportunities for Officials and Sports Leaders, while pursuing their professional development in their chosen fields.
- 3) Placement of developmental and elite athletes to train at Sports Excellence centres, clubs and training groups.
- 4) Regular opportunities for Athletes to compete in domestic, State, Regional, Australian and International Competitions at short notices, for one off competition as well as ongoing competitions across a season or even across multiple years.
- 5) Opportunities for Pacific Island and Oceania Coaches, Technical Officials, Administrators to use the pathways for their development, engagement and provide support to the Pacific and Oceania Athletes.
- 6) Regular attendance and participation in intensive camps and clinics, meetings, Conferences and Forums, test events, knowledge Transfer programmes etc.
- 7) Potential for the elite Athletes / Coaches from the Pacific / Oceania to have access to structured and sustained Sports Science and Human Performance resources with use of specialist facilities such as:
  - a. Recovery Facilities
  - b. Altitude Chambers
  - c. Physiological Testing
  - d. Strength and Conditioning Facility
  - e. Biomechanical Analysis and improvements.....
  - f. ....to name a few.

## **E) ONOC's submission to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (the Committee)**

ONOC has considered the question being put forward to the Committee"

**"The adequacy of Australia's preparedness to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Victoria and the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Brisbane, and to leave a legacy of sporting infrastructure to encourage more Australians to participate in elite and community sports and live active lifestyles"**

We have identified and addressed four of the terms of reference for this inquiry, for consideration by the Committee.

- b) investments in the provision of new or upgraded sporting infrastructure to host Games events, which will have legacy applications for elite and community sports;**
- c) consultation by responsible state and Australian government agencies with peak national and state sporting representative organisations to ensure any new investments in Games sporting infrastructure meet the needs of elite and community sports now and into the future;**
- f) the adequacy and accessibility of, and planning for, accommodation to host athletes, organisers, support staff and Games attendees and future use;**

### **Permanent "Home Away From Home" for Pacific / Oceania Athletes**

The "Home Games Advantage" program could regularly have between 100 to 200 athletes, coaches and officials being based in South East Queensland on both short-term or on a continuing basis, starting in early 2024. A smaller group will be targeted for Victoria in 2026.

These placements will need the support and funding through a multi-stakeholder "whole of South East Queensland Region" and "Victoria 2026" partnership. This will need the support and contribution of the Australian Federal and State Governments support and funding towards its declared theme of "Games for Oceania".

One of the largest cost elements required to deliver a successful outcome is the ongoing cost of Accommodation. This ongoing cost can be minimised by upfront capital expenditure investment in "Pacific Houses", as a permanent feature leading to the Games, as well as a legacy beyond the Games.

We strongly recommend the establishment of a number of permanent "home away from home" accommodation facilities, as part of Australia and Queensland's commitment towards its intention to support the Pacific and Oceania athletes and officials, on a continuous basis.

This can be in the form of "Pacific Houses" accommodation within current and future high performance facilities, such as Gold Coast Performance Centre at Runaway Bay, Sleeman Sports Complex in Chandler, Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre (QSAC) at Nathan, and others. In this regard, we submit that any Master Planning, upgrades or services, should consider our proposition and engage with the ONOC Working Group for input into any such projects.

**g) the adequacy of planning for visa requirements for athletes, support staff, officials and visitors seeking to participate in the Games;**

ONOC, requests that the Federal Government create a special Class of long-term "Olympic Visa", for the purposes of supporting the Pacific and Oceania athletes and entourage in the runway to the Brisbane 2032 Games. A "limited" seven year Visa was created for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

This new Visa Class should enable our young talent, elite athletes, coaches and sports leaders to have the flexibility of being in Australia for multiple long or short term visits with flexibility to focus on sporting activity, study, traineeship or work, without the need to apply for new classes of Visa.

This should also allow the Pacific students to be treated like domestic Australian Students, so that they are not restricted by the limited CRISOS (Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses and Overseas Students) places.

ONOC would like to be consulted on the design of this new Olympic Visa Class, to ensure that it meets the requirements of the Pacific and Oceania Athletes and officials. It is important that Athlete Training and Performance expectations are kept at the forefront when designing any such program.

We would like to see this new Visa Class in place by the end of 2023, so that we can step up the placement of our Athletes in Australia from 2024.

This will also help towards the setting up of vibrant long-term Pre-Games Training Centre for identified sports, as well as a valuable contribution to employment in targeted areas.