

I am writing to express my concerns about Brisbane hosting the 2032 Olympic Games. While the Olympics are a prestigious event that brings together nations from around the world, it is important to consider the potential negative impacts that hosting the Games may have on our city. I will outline three key issues that I believe need to be carefully considered: the financial burden on Brisbane, the strain on local housing supply, and the lack of long-term improvements to our city.

Firstly, the financial burden of hosting the Olympics is a significant concern. Many host cities have experienced substantial cost overruns, often resulting in long-term debt for taxpayers. It is crucial for Brisbane to accurately assess the costs associated with hosting the Games and ensure that public funds are not squandered. This includes carefully considering the construction of new infrastructure and managing the various ongoing operational expenses.

Secondly, the strain on local housing supply is another pressing issue. Host cities typically see an increase in demand for short-term accommodations during the Games, which can lead to a temporary shortage of affordable housing for local residents. Additionally, some cities have experienced gentrification and displacement of vulnerable populations as a result of Olympic-related development.

Lastly, there is a concern that hosting the Olympics may not lead to long-term improvements for Brisbane. Many host cities have been left with underutilized or abandoned sports facilities, which become a financial burden and do not contribute to the well-being of the community. In order to ensure that Brisbane benefits from the Games, it is vital that we develop a comprehensive plan for the post-Olympic use of these facilities.

While the prospect of hosting the 2032 Olympic Games may be enticing, it is crucial that we carefully weigh the potential consequences. I urge you and your fellow elected representatives to address the financial, housing, and long-term planning concerns outlined in this letter.

Sincerely,

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